

Crystal Beach recognized by pool group

Aquatic park had successful reopening in 2024

BY BOB DEMAREE

The city of Madison's Redevelopment Authority, organized in 2022 to ratify a lease agreement for the issuance of revenue bonds to finance renovations to Crystal Beach pool, met Tuesday for an update on the pool that was honored this week by United Aqua Group.

Deputy Mayor Tony Stein-

hardt III said Crystal Beach Aquatic Center was recognized last week by United Aqua Group, a buying group of pool and spa builders, as a gold honoree in the large commercial pool category for the organization's 2025 Awards of Distinction, in terms of creativity, craftsmanship and excellence.

The pool reopened May 26,

2024 after completion of a renovation that ended up being a rebuild with a new design and features. Now renamed Crystal Beach Aquatic Center, the work included demolition of the previous pool, and design and construction of the new pool.

The leasing rental bonds were issued for \$4.9 million to be paid back over 20 years with the final

payment coming in the fall of 2042. In 2024, the city made two payments — one for \$201,000 and another for \$199,500 — with debt payments being made through taxes.

Even with the payment, Steinhardt said that the bonds did not increase taxes. "The way the levys work each year, we kept the tax rate the same. This was a tax rate neutral project, which is pretty good for the community."

Clerk-treasurer Shirley

Rynearson said the pool is a "smart way to invest in your city rather than pay cash out. A lot of people don't pay cash for their homes or their vehicles so it's a much easier way to spread your money farther out for large project like that. It just makes more sense. Think of it like a mortgage on a house, and it's the best way to fund it if you spread it out over 20 years."

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Right Sue Livers (left), organizer of this month's Black History events at the Picker House stands with Madison Mayor Bob Courtney as he reads a Black History Month proclamation last Thursday.

Below: Madison native Jocelyn Partee, now living in Lexington, Kentucky, attended last Thursday's Black History event in Madison and talked about her small baked goods company, Partee's Kitchen.

Photos by Bob Demaree



Left: Deb McIntyre, now living in Georgetown, Kentucky, is a Ripley County native who is author of the historical fiction, "A Wishful Eye," set in the Ohio River valley region in the middle 1800s using actual historical figures like abolitionist Delia Webster and free African American Chapman Harris and their role in the underground railroad.

Black history stories shared at Picker House

BY BOB DEMAREE

Black History is being celebrated each Thursday this month with programs that share that story at the Picker House in downtown Madison.

This past week, the history was close to home as Deb McIntyre (who uses the pen name "D.L. McIntyre") discussed her book, "A Wishful Eye," which is a work of historical fiction that takes place in the middle 1800s, using actual

historical people and places from the Ohio River valley to tell the story such as Delia Webster and Chapman Harris.

Delia Webster was an abolitionist who bought a 600-acre farm along the Ohio River in Trimble County in 1854, and also lived in Madison before later moving to Iowa. Chapman Harris was a free African American whose activities to aid enslaved persons crossing the Ohio River at Madison became widely known

throughout Indiana after the Civil War.

McIntyre, a Ripley County native and former reporter for the Versailles Republican, said her story was inspired by her great-great maternal grandparents, Daniel and Sarah "Sally" Adams who were among the first members of the Union Freewill Baptist Church, established in 1843 as an

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JCBT gets updates ahead of grant application deadline

BY BOB DEMAREE

With the Jefferson County Board of Tourism (JCBT) gearing up for next month when it will receive requests for tourism grants, three of last year's recipients gave reports at Monday's meeting.

Madison Music Movement, represented by Charlie Rohlfing; Madison Rodeo, represented by Ellie Troutman; and Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes, each related how they utilized JCBT grant money in the last year.

"We're not just about tourism, we're about prosperity and positive growth in the city. We're about making Madison better, a better place to visit, a better to live, a better place to be transferred to, to stay, ultimately retire. It's about making it a better. We do that by elevating the Indiana's Music City brand," said Rohlfing. JCBT gave \$50,000 last year to Madison Music Movement.

The Madison Rodeo will be at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds again this fall to be held for the third time Sept. 19-20. Troutman, the owner and organizer, said its the only female-owned rodeo in the nation. The rodeo received \$40,000 last year.

Terri Suiter, coordinator of Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes, said the 2024 event was "really a resounding success. It really is one of those things that people love to come back here year after year." Last year, JCBT contributed \$15,000.

JCBT president Trevor Crafton commended all three for the work they do and their projects. "You are all passionate and you're moving the needle," he said.

Applications for JCBT's tourism partnership grants are due by noon on Monday, March 3. Presentations by the applicants will be made at JCBT's Monday, March 17 meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Troy Morgan Safety Center. Grant awards will be announced at JCBT's March 24 meeting.

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SR 156 closure to begin in March in Switzerland Co.

BY THE COURIER STAFF
A portion of State Road 156 between Rising Sun and Patriot will be closed on or after Wednesday, March 5, to complete a slide correction project in Switzerland County.

The closure will take place just west of Evans Hill Road and is expected to be completed in mid-May, weather permitting. During the closure, motorists should use the official detour route which follows State Road 56.

Additional work will take place on State Road 156 between Rising Sun

and Patriot following the completion of this project. Specific information will be provided by the Indiana Department of Transportation at a later date.

This project is part of a \$13.8 million contract awarded to Paul H. Rohe Company in May 2023. The contract includes three district slide correction projects. INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, use extra caution, avoid distractions when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

NEW OF RECORD

- JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER**

LODGINGS
February 20, 2025
Jeremia Adam Littrell, 43, North Vernon, Indiana, for False Identity Statement, a Class B misdemeanor, and on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation. Bond \$10,000 cash.

Ashley Nichole Spall, 38, Greenwood, Indiana, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Assisting a Criminal, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

February 21, 2025
Kyle Brenden Elles, 23, Lexington, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation. No bond.

Tyrone Ward, 47, Austin, Indiana, to serve 13 days jail, consecutive, on a court-ordered sentencing for probation violation. No bond.

February 22, 2025
Mitchell Anthony Whicker, 36, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.
- JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT**

SENTENCINGS
February 20, 2025
Geoffrey A. Smith, 32, Milton, KY, to an amended charge of Theft, a Level 6 felony with judgment of conviction as a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 363 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$239 in fees and court costs.

Brandon M. Stephens, 47, Madison, found guilty of Leaving the Scene of an Accident, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 20 days served with 365 days suspended to supervised probation plus plus \$389.50
- REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

JEFFERSON COUNTY
February 20, 2025
James Hack to James A. Hack and James and Rita Hack Living Trust, approximately 5.6 acres at 3513 Marble Hill Road, Nabb.

Dawn R. Peak to Marcus Burgess and Amanda Burgess, 150 North Sycamore Drive, Hanover.

Marcus Burgess and Amanda Burgess to Buddydale LLC and Crafty83 LLC, 150 North Sycamore Drive, Hanover.

Peter Schuring and Patricia Schuring (estate) to John R. Harrell and Melanie J. Harrell, 204 East Street, Madison.

Phillips Development Inc. to Karl R. Yarling III, 4900+ South Hanover Saluda Road, Hanover.

February 21, 2025
Robert A. Kuppler to Robert A. Kuppler (trustee) and Robert A. Kuppler Trust, part of approximately 58 acres at 8000 West Polk Road and 9019 West Polk Road Lexington.

Laraine Sprinkle and Alyce Rachel N. Sprinkle to Christopher D. Barton, approximately 5.6 acres at 7375 North Chandler Road, Madison.

Trevor Templeton and Rachel N. Templeton to Kathleen Kelly, 1030 East Street, Madison.

Kathleen Kelly to Harry Kelly Smith and James Bruce Smith, 1030 East Street, Madison.

Geneva Hendricks to Ashley Nicole Rafla, approximately 92 acres at 3524 North 933 West and 8900+ West Deputy Pike, Deputy.

James W. Wehner to Riegsecker Holings LLC, part of approximately 57 acres at 2700+ East Geyman Road, Madison.

Patrick C. Ownbey and Christina Ownbey to Paul Basye and Lyndie Basye, 2810 Borcharding Road, Madison.

Cross Plains man sentenced 40 years for attempted murder

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Mark Nelson Swafford, 44, of Cross Plains, Indiana, was sentenced to 40 years at Indiana Department of Correction by Jefferson Circuit Court Judge D.J. Mote last Wednesday, following his conviction for Attempted Murder, A Level 1 Felony.

The charges stem from a violent altercation on Jan. 6, 2024, in which Swafford shot his daughter's boyfriend in the back of the neck at a Madison residence.

"This case is a sobering reminder of the impact of violent crime and the importance of coordinated efforts by law enforcement," said Prosecutor David Sutter. "We



Mark Nelson Swafford

extend our gratitude to all the officers, investigators, and agencies who worked tirelessly to bring this matter to a conclusion."

The investigation, led by Madison Police Department Detectives Kyle Cutshaw, Ricky Harris, and Phillip Wimpee, determined that Swafford was intoxicated when he entered the victim's residence and initiated an argument. The incident quickly escalated into violence. Swafford pushed the victim down on a couch before he pulled out a Taurus Judge pistol from his waistband and shot the victim.

The shooting took place in front of Swafford's daughter and

7-month-old grandchild. The victim was transported to Norton King's Daughters' Health for treatment of his injuries and has since recovered. Swafford fled the scene and led law enforcement on a high-speed pursuit through Ripley County before he lost control and flipped his vehicle.

Swafford will serve 35 years executed at the Indiana Department of Correction, followed by 5 years of supervised probation.

Agencies involved included the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Indiana State Police, Ripley County Sheriff's Office, and Norton King's Daughters' EMS. Madison Police Department Chief Shawn Scudder also played a pivotal role in the resolution of the case.

CFMJC announces limited time donation matching program

BY THE COURIER STAFF
The Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County (CFMJC) has announced a limited time donation matching program available for a limited time, utilizing a designated pool of \$250,000 by the CFMJC Board of Directors.

Donations to new or existing permanent endowments at the Community Foundation will be matched by 25% until all the available matching funds are used. The maximum match a donor and/or household can receive is \$25,000. Anyone wishing to take advantage of the matching program is encouraged to donate soon as previous matching opportunities have disappeared quickly.

"Donors really like utilizing matching money to increase the power of their donations," said CFMJC

WANT TO DONATE?

Donations to the Community Foundation can be made in person, by mail or online. When writing a check, please indicate the fund in the memo line the fund in which the donation is being made. Donations may be dropped off at the CFMJC office at 416 West Street, Suite B in downtown Madison, mailed to P.O. Box 306, Madison, IN 47250, or made online at <https://www.cfmjc.org>. Retirees 70½ and older can also give by making charitable contributions directly from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA). Donations from IRAs cannot be directed to Donor Advised Funds. Donations to non-permanent funds do not qualify for the matching opportunity.

For more information about the 2025 Matching program, contact Bill Barnes at 812-265-3327 or email bill@cfmjc.org.

President & CEO Bill Barnes. "Now is a great time to give to an existing permanent endowment or start a new one to make a positive impact on the causes and nonprofit organizations you care about."

Established in 1991 by a group of local volunteers, the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County fulfills the mission of building a strong, vibrant community

by helping donors provide perpetual funding for the people, projects, and passions of Jefferson County. Since the Foundation's creation, more than 270 permanent funds have been established. This year, the Community Foundation is expected to award nearly \$1.4 million in grants to nonprofits and scholarships to Jefferson County students from these permanent endowments.

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Steinhardt called the aquatic park's first season a success with 18,000 unique visits, according to Placer.ai data, and 34,000 visits overall. In addition to local patrons, he said

the pool drew people from Carrollton, Ghent and Warsaw in Kentucky, and Seymour, North Vernon and Austin in Indiana.

"It was a pretty amazing year," said Steinhardt, noting the pool "broke even" with expenses and revenue, which is an accomplishment in that "most municipal pools

lose money."

Steinhardt said biggest day for the pool was in mid-June when there were 1,000 visitors, but that there were several days with 600 or more in attendance.

Redevelopment Authority board member Ashley Pennington said, "When it was crowded, it didn't

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Visit Madison Inc. Executive Director Andrew Forrester gave an update on groups planning upcoming conferences in Jefferson County including the Hoosier Outdoor Writers in April

and the Indiana Association of Realtors in May. In October, there will be tourists stopping in Madison as part of their travel to the America's River Roots event in Cincinnati.

Commissioner David Bramer, who serves as the JCBT treasurer, reported that innkeeper's tax collections in January were \$39,962.92, up from \$29,268.29 last year.

However, he said the increase must factor that the innkeeper's tax increased on Jan. 1 from 5% to 8%. However, board member Josh Abbott, who is also sales manager at the Fairfield Inn and Suites, said the hotel benefited from a large group that stayed there in January associated with Norton King's Daughters' Health.

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abolitionist congregation. The church's covenant stated: "We cannot receive slaveholders into the church nor those who believe that slavery is right." In 1914, the church was renamed

Union Flat Rock Baptist Church, continuing now as part of the American Baptist denomination.

Also during last week's program, Madison Mayor Bob Courtney participated by reading the city proclamation for Black History Month that he also presented at the last City Council

meeting. Additionally, Madison native Jocelyn Partee, talked about her Lexington, Kentucky-based business, Partee's Kitchen, that features homemade baked goods.

"Black history is your history. It's Madison's history. It's United States history," said Sue Livers, organizer of the Thursday

programs this month.

Black History events wrap up this coming Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Picker House will be Curtis Crisler, an award-winning poet and young-adult author, who was named Indiana's eighth official poet laureate last year by the Indiana Arts Commission.

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Sunrise: 7:17 a.m.
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Temperature: High 55, Low 25, Mean 40.0, Excess 0.7
Precipitation since last published: .02
Precipitation, February 2025: 4.81
Precipitation, 2025: 7.55
Barometer: 30.25, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 432.99, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Cloudy High 64/Low 39; Thursday: Cloudy High 47/Low 31; Friday: Partly cloudy High 54/Low 39.

LOTTERIES

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 2-4-18-28-44-46 (2/22). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$41.4 million. Next Drawing (2/26).
Cash Five: 7-20-31-36-42 (2/23)
Cash 4 Life: 1-7-11-30-37 CB: 3 (2/23)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 19-29-31-32 CB 17 (2/23)
Lucky For Life: 1-18-43-44-46 LB: 7 (2/23)

MEGAMILLIONS: 1-13-28-37-46 MB: 10, MP 2 (2/21). Next Jackpot: \$181 million. Next Drawing (2/25)
POWERBALL: 7-18-22-50-65 PB: 15, PP 2 (2/22). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$230 million. Next Drawing (2/24)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 9-18-26-35-57 PB: 14 (2/22). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (2/24)

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have follow-up questions.

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OBITUARIES

Gregory Raney Thomas

Gregory Raney Thomas, known to all as “Greg,” 55, of Madison, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025. Born on June 30, 1969, in Louisville, KY, he was born the son of Phyllis Raney Thomas and Robert Bang. He was raised by his beloved parents, Edward “Sonny” Thomas and Phyllis Thomas. Greg was a bright light in the lives of those who knew him, bringing joy and laughter wherever he went. A passionate sports enthusiast, Greg enjoyed golfing, skiing, fishing, and engaging in friendly competition, whether it was a game of cards, pool, or chess. He was a 1987 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, where he excelled in tennis, baseball and basketball. His love of the game continued into adulthood, and he always embraced a healthy sense of competition.



A proud graduate of Hanover College with a bachelor of arts in communications and theater, Greg was also a dedicated member of the Alpha Chi Rho Fraternity, where he led many social programs. After college, Greg ventured to New York City, where he earned his SAG card and pursued his love for acting. Soon he returned home, where he found a role in the motion picture Madison. He was a spiritual person and a member of Trinity United Methodist church. For over 10 years, Greg’s heart and soul were poured into his beloved restaurant, Ovo Cafe, in Madison. His warm and welcoming spirit earned the restaurant the “Taste of Madison” award for best food in town. Afterwards, he devoted his life to enriching others through his work in hospitality, sales, and real estate. He also gave back to his community by serving in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Greg’s ability to serve others with kindness and care will be remembered fondly. In addition to his career and community work, and spending time with family, and friends, he had a deep love for travel, skiing, visiting the beach, and music festivals, always with a smile on his face and a sense of adventure. His infectious sense of humor and goofy spirit will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Greg’s memory will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of knowing him. His life was one of passion, dedication and love for those around him. May his light continue to shine through the memories he leaves behind. Greg’s family meant the world to him, and he

is survived by his loving mother, Phyllis; and father, Sonny, both of Madison. He leaves behind his loving daughter, Madelyn Thomas, Madison; and his cherished siblings, Sheri (Thomas) Trapp and Paul of Madison, Lori Thomas of Hamilton, OH, Hilary (Thomas) Bear and Dan of Madison, Janine (Thomas) Castle of Bright, and Cathy (Thomas) Marrano and Dave of Indianapolis. He will also be deeply missed by his nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and extended Bang family. He was preceded in death by Emily and Gordon Raney, maternal-grandparents and Freida and Edward Thomas, paternal-grand-parents. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Doug Walker at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North U.S. 421 near Madison. Friends may visit on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, from 4-7 p.m., and on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Memorial contributions may be made to the Big Brother Big Sister or a charity of your choice in Greg’s honor. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Carl Thomas Smith



Carl Thomas Smith, 67, of Vevay, near Lamb entered this life on Dec. 20, 1957, in KY. He was the loving son of the late Betty Ann Smith Luellen and Tommy Luellen. He resided all of his life in the Brooksbury — Lamb community. He was inducted into the United States Army and served as an E-4 and was honorably discharged. On Jan. 13, 2013, he was united in marriage to Pamela Lovins at the Jefferson County Courthouse. Carl was a member of the Union Local 181 Operating Engineers since 1995, and had recently retired as a heavy equipment operator. He was a faithful member of the Union Baptist Church at Lamb. He held membership in the NRA and the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. He enjoyed

collecting guns, model trains, hunting, fishing, and tinkering around on his farm. Carl died on Monday, Feb. 17, 2025, at his home near Lamb. Carl will be missed by his loving wife of 12 years, Pam Lovins Smith of Lamb; his stepson, Derick Lovins and his wife, Emilee of Madison; his step-grandchildren, Natalee, Maveryk, and Austyn; his half brother, Tony Luellen of Summerfield, FL; and other relatives. He was

preceded in death by his father, Tommy Luellen and his mother, Betty Ann Smith Luellen. Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, at 6 p.m., by Pastor Mike Barnes at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Friends may visit on Thursday from 4 p.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Memorial contributions may be made to Carl T. Smith Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Dorothy Katherine (Staggs) Gutierrez

Dorothy Katherine (Staggs) Gutierrez, 81, of Switzerland County, entered this life on May 8, 1943, in Flemingsburg, KY, to the late, John William and Leona Blanche (Reeves) Staggs. Dorothy passed away at 2:09 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, at the Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay. Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Glenna Nicholas and her husband, Dan of Indianapolis; her son, Jeff Staggs of East Enterprise; her son-in-law, Robert “Bob” Reed of Vevay; her stepdaughter, Cindy Little and her husband, Barry of Dallas, GA; her stepsons, Arthur Gutierrez of Indianapolis, Jose T. Gutierrez Jr. and his wife, Sydney of

Indianapolis, Anthony Gutierrez of Indianapolis and Andy Gutierrez and his wife, Maria of West Lafayette; her grandchildren, Jackie, Zachary, Timothy, Adam, Angela, and Jennifer; her great-granddaughter, Joanna; her several step-grandchildren; her several step-great-grandchildren; her brother, Wayne Staggs of Morehead, KY, and her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, John William Stages; her mother, Leona Blanche (Reeves) Staggs; her husbands, Glenn W. Cotter, died Oct. 17, 1989 and José Trevino “Joe” Gutierrez, died Feb. 6, 2017; her daughter, Rinda (Staggs) Reed; her step-daughter, Dora

Adkins; her sisters, Wilma Frances Vickroy and Thelma Joyce Staggs; and her brothers, William Claude “Buck” Staggs and Charles Leo Staggs. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, by the Rev. Mike Jones, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Glencoe Cemetery, Glencoe, KY. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charity of the Donor’s Choice. Cards are available at the funeral home, or online, at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Martha ‘Marty’ C. Gall Hiatt

Martha “Marty” C. Gall Hiatt, 92, of Madison, entered this life on Oct. 8, 1932, in Tipton. She was the loving daughter of the late Albert and Lillian Peters Gall. She was a graduate of St. Joseph’s Academy in Tipton and was a loving mother to two daughters and a son. Marty was united in marriage to Merrill L. Hiatt on Oct. 30, 1976, in Milroy. They had enjoyed 41 years together before his death. She had worked for the Dana Corporation for 30 years at the Perfect Circle Division at Tipton and in Richmond, and retired in 1996. She had also worked for Harrell-Lynch Real Estate for six years after moving to the Madison community. She was a member of the Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Marty died on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, at 7:05 a.m., at the River Terrace Health Campus in Madison. Marty will be missed by her loving daughters, Cindy Gardner and her husband Michael of



Madison, Aimee Walters and her husband Tim of Ashville, NC; her loving son, Bradford Smith and his wife Wanda of Noblesville; her stepdaughter, Karen Michelle Narramore of North Lewisburg, OH; her stepson, Timothy Hiatt of Fort Lauderdale, FL; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Albert Gall; her mother, Lillian Peters Gall; her brothers, Robert Gall, Phillip Gall and Jim Gall; her sisters, Agnes Ripberger, Dorothy

Ann Gall, Charlotte Straub, Joan Varnau, Rosemary Mason and Margaret Robinson; her loving husband, Merrill L. Hiatt died April 4, 2018. Funeral services were conducted on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Father Christopher A. Craig at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 413 East Second Street in downtown Madison. Interment followed in the St. Patrick Cemetery, 305 West State Street in Madison. Friends could visit on Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. The Rosary was prayed on Monday, at 12:15 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. Memorial contributions may be made to the Prince of Peace Catholic Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Jarrold Michael Kuntz

Jarrold Michael Kuntz, 40, of Madison, entered this life on March 12, 1984, in Junction City, KS. He was the son of the late Roger and Beverly Sue Humphrey Kuntz. Jarrold died on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, at 2:14 p.m., at the Hopsarun Inpatient Unit of Norton Pavillion in Louisville, KY. Jarrold will be missed by his daughters, Justice Kuntz, Lyric Kuntz; his sisters, Christian Noel, Kellie Kuntz Kammes and her husband, Lance, Teresa Kuntz Stewart and her husband, Tom, Michelle Kuntz Bear and her husband, Nate; his nieces and his nephews, Mollie Kuntz Green and her husband, Dougy, Kaitlyn Turner, Emily

Turner, Paige Kammes, Michael Kammes, Kayla Kammes, Nikkie Stewart, Hunter Stewart, Sophia Bear and Ace Bear; his aunts and his uncles, Cheryl Humphry Ricketts and her husband, Terry, LeRoy Humphrey, George Kuntz and his wife, Patsy; several cousins, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Roger Kuntz; his mother, Beverly Sue Humphrey Kuntz; his brother, Jacob Kuntz; his sister, Kerrie Kuntz-Mendoza; and his grandparents, LeRoy and LeRita Humphrey and Laverne and Goldie Kuntz. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday,

March 1, 2025, at 6 p.m., by at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel, 278 East Main Street in Hanover. Interment will follow at a later date in the Dupont Cemetery in Dupont. Friends may visit on Saturday from 3-6 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre — Hanover Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Education Fund for Jarrold’s daughters, Justice and Lyric. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Henry Dennis Brierly, 81, of Bedford, KY, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025, at Baptist Hospital in La Grange, KY. Funeral service is Friday, Feb. 28, at Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, with burial at Bedford Cemetery there, www.ransdellfuneral.com. **Wanda L. Yocum Burress, 79**, of Hanover, IN, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com. **Eleanor Mae Courtney, 72**, of Carrollton, KY, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, in Louisville, KY. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025, at 1 p.m., at the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY. The burial will take place in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton,

www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com. **David G. Hale, 72**, of Madison, IN, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, at his residence in Madison. Cremation was chosen with no services held at this time. Arrangements by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com. **Douglas Herman “Doug” Hodges, 87**, of Hanover, IN, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025, at River Terrace Health Campus in Madison, IN. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Cremation was chosen with memorial service to be announced at a later date with inurnment at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison with military honors by the United States Air Force Ceremonial Unit and the Major Samuel Woodfill

Madison Post 9 American Legion. Arrangements by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com. **Beverly Sue Kuntz, age 68**, of Madison, IN, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2025, at the Norton Hospital in Louisville, KY. Arrangements will be announced by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com. **Sandra Sue Weaver May, 83**, of Carrollton, KY, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at the home of her daughter in Bedford, KY. Memorial service was Saturday, Feb. 22, at Carrollton Christian Church in Carrollton with burial to be held at a later date. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Donald Kenneth Mills Jr., 58, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025, in Bedford, KY, battling cancer. Funeral services were held on Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, 1 p.m., at the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home of Carrollton, KY. Burial was in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com. **John Vernon Oak, 77**, Carrollton, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025. A celebration of life will be Saturday, March 1, at Valley Christian Church in Carrollton. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuerallhome.com. **Jackie Lynn Maiden Renfro, 63**, of Owenton, KY, and formerly of Carroll County, KY, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025, at her home. A celebration of life was Saturday, Feb. 22, at Carrollton United

Methodist Church in Carrollton. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com. **M. Scott Sanchez, 55**, of New Paris, IN, and formerly of Madison, IN, died Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, after a three-year battle with cancer. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Grace Community Church in Goshen, IN, with burial to follow at New Paris Cemetery. Arrangements by Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen, www.yoderculpfuneralhome.com. **Terry Joe Wright**, of Carrollton, KY, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, in Louisville. Funeral service will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuerallhome.com.

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By Bil Keane

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"Aren't you s'posed to laugh when you bump your funny bone?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

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"I HUNG 'EM UP THE LOWEST THEY COULD GO!!"

ARCTIC CIRCLE

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THE TRADE IN ENDANGERED WILDLIFE IS TAKING OFF ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

I SHOULD HAVE PUT MY GLASSES ON BEFORE I CLICKED ON THOSE FUNNY ANIMAL VIDEOS...

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According to your resume, you haven't worked a day in your life.

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TONIGHT IS PIZZA NIGHT! FINALLY! SOMETHING WE LIKE.

CHICKEN LIVER?

LEAVE IT TO COOKIE TO RUIN PIZZA.

RHYMES WITH ORANGE

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THE LINE

Let's hope he doesn't fart.

SORRY ABOUT MY ROTTWEILER'S BREATH-- IT STINKS TO HIGH HEAVEN.

BLONDIE

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I HEARD IT'S "LET'S ALL EAT RIGHT DAY" TODAY. WE SHOULD CELEBRATE!

HOW ABOUT A TRIPLE CHEESEBURGER WITH A SIDE OF STEAK FRIES AND A CHOCOLATE MILKSHAKE.

COMIN' RIGHT UP!

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I BOUGHT SOME FRIES. LOOK AT THE GREASE ON THAT BAG!!

HAVE SOME?

NO THANKS! GREASY FRIES ARE NO GOOD FOR YOU!

SHOWS HOW MUCH YOU KNOW, TICK-BOY.

THE BAG WAS GREASY BEFORE THEY PUT THE FRIES IN!

HI & LOIS

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YOUR BOSS SENT YOU A LOT OF WORK TO DO.

YEAH.

I GUESS THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A "SICK DAY" ANYMORE.

SNIFF

PARDON MY PLANET

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I THOUGHT HE'D FIND HIDDEN ABANDONMENT ISSUES OR REPRESSED INSECURITIES - BUT WHEN I ASKED HIM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIS INNER CHILD, I NEVER EXPECTED DOODY DRAWERS.

ZITS

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"THE MASS OF MEN LEAD LIVES OF QUIET DESPERATION."

WEIRD.

PERSONALLY, I LIKE MY DESPERATION LOUD!

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I CAN'T BELIEVE THE DAIRY MART'S CLOSED AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET ANY ICE CREAM.

WELL, THAT'S KARMA FOR YA.

WHAT? WHY? WHAT'D I DO?!

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

OOH - MAYBE YOU WERE CRUELLA DE VIL.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

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I DID BAD STUFF AGAIN.

I'LL GIVE YOU THE BEST LEGAL DEFENSE. WE CAN ONLY HOPE THE COURT FINDS YOU INNOCENT.

I WAS HOPING WE COULD FIND A PLACE WHERE THE COURT COULDN'T FIND ME AT ALL.

SIX CHIX

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COOL WITH EVERYTHING I GOTTA DO THIS WEEK THAT LEAVES ME 10 MINS FOR SLEEPING.

BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH

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MIGHT BE TIME T'BROADEN OUR HORIZONS, MAW !!

I TOLD JA B'FORE, PAW...

I AIN'T CUTTIN' THEM TREES DOWN !!

SALLY FORTH

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IS THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE, TED?

YEAH. BEEN A BUSY FEW MONTHS SO JUST GETTING AROUND TO THROWING IT OUT.

OH, WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

SORRY. I'M NOT TAKING QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

WHAT?

FINE. WE WATCHED ALL EIGHT SEASONS OF "BROOKLYN NINE-NINE." AGAIN. IT WAS SUCH A GREAT SHOW!

DUSTIN

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YOU REALIZE YOU CAN TAKE THIS TEXTING THING TOO FAR...

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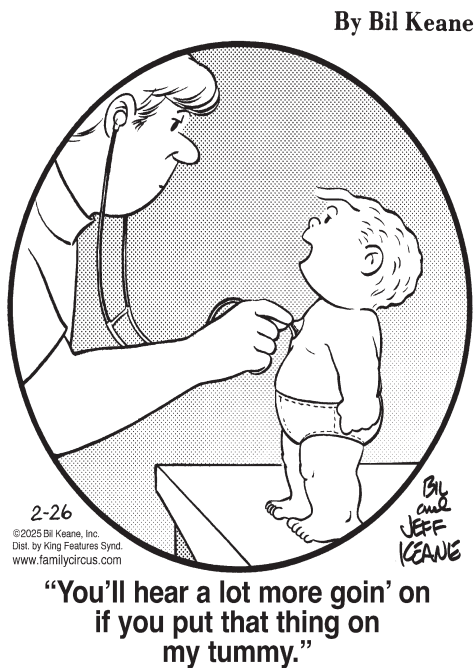
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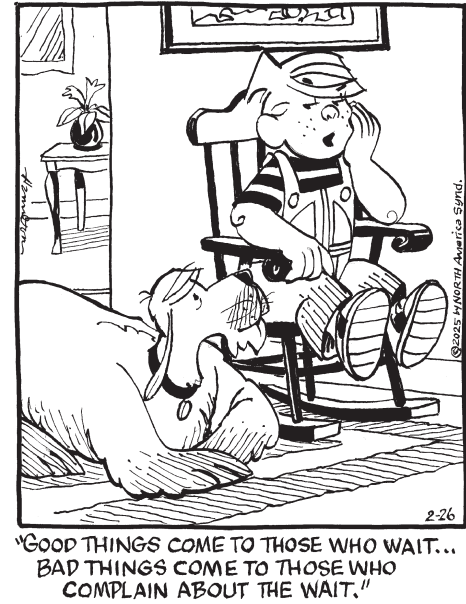
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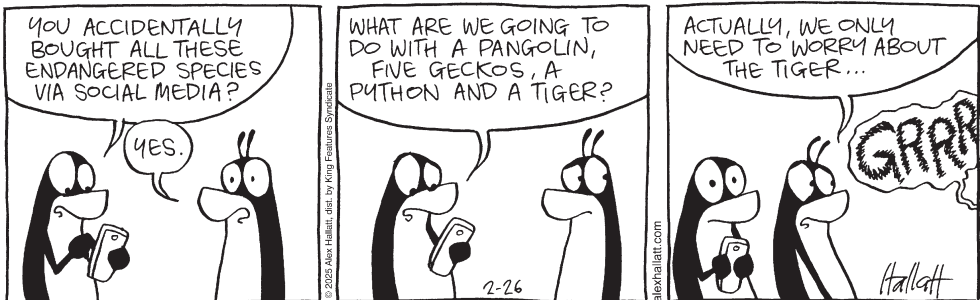
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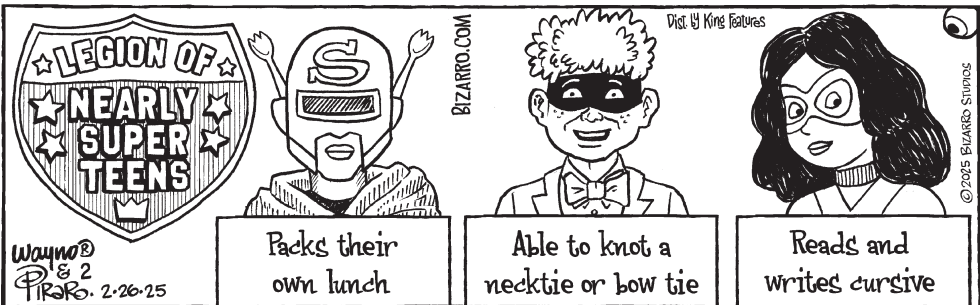
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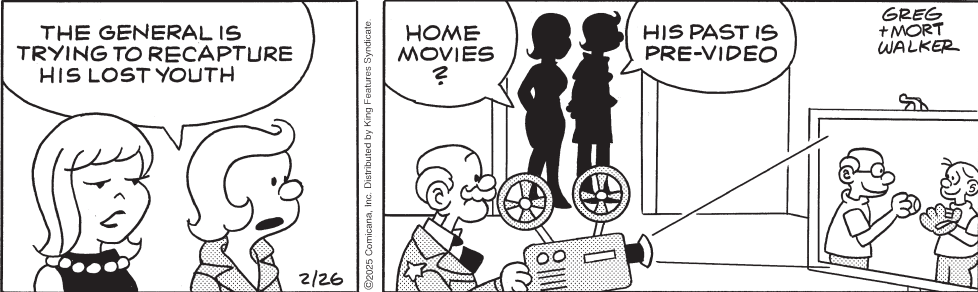
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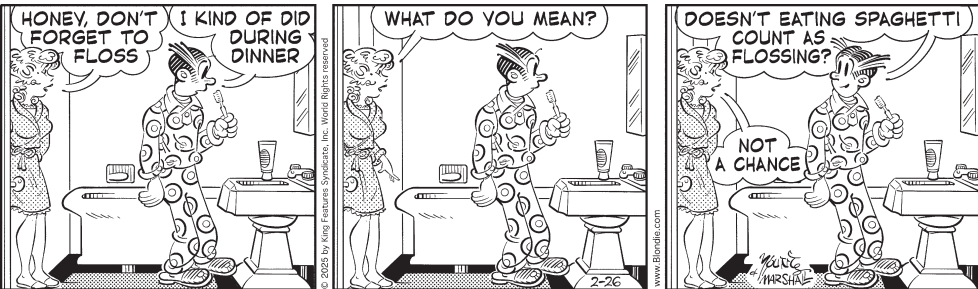
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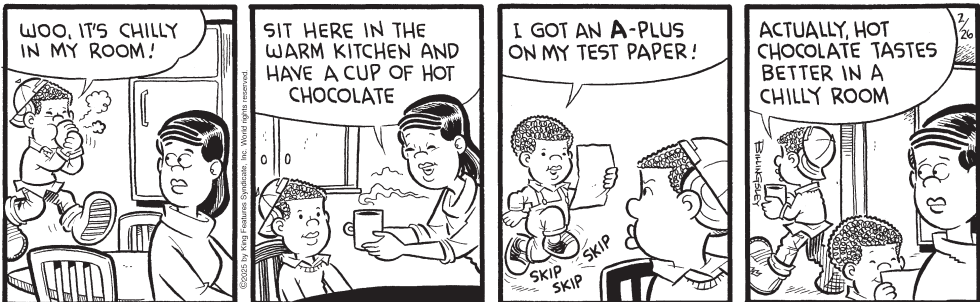
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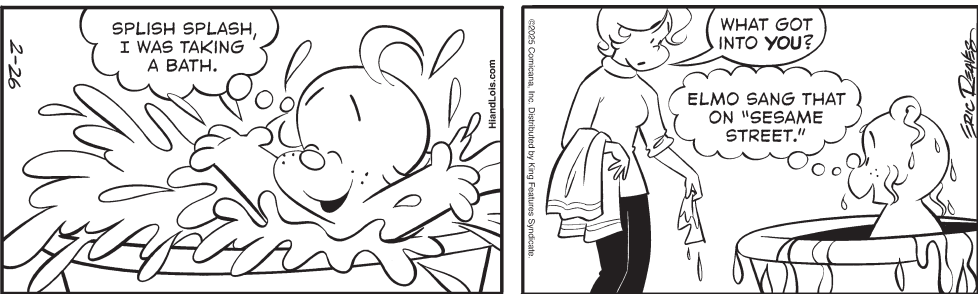
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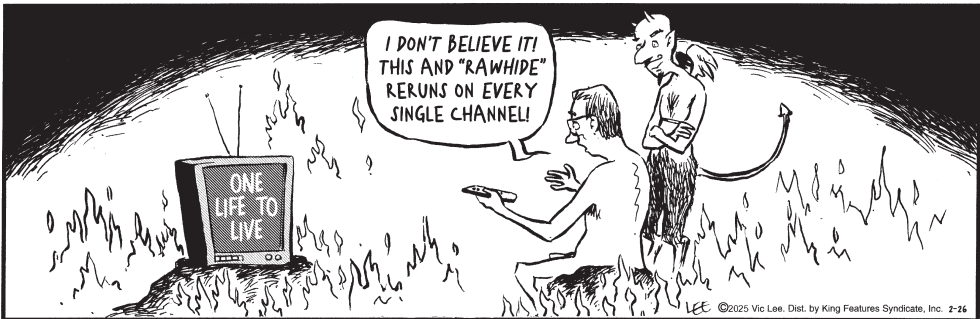
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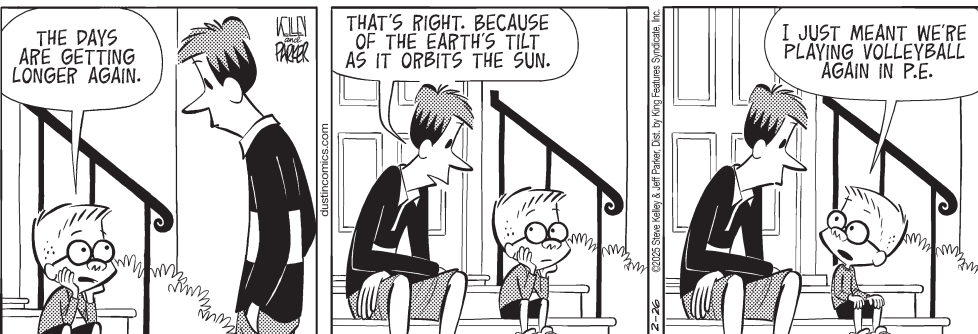
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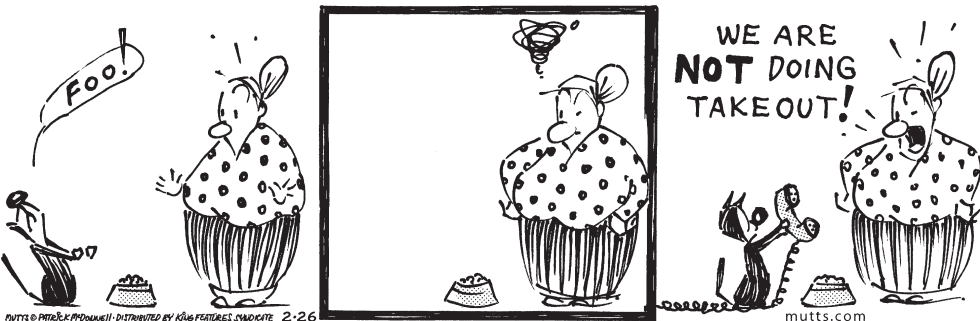
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MPD gives report on 2024 activity

BY MARK CAMPBELL
Madison Police Department wrapped up a busy year in December and spent January and part of February comparing and analyzing data to assess what the department is doing well and what needs to be focused on in 2025.

Police Chief Shawn Scudder reported to members of Madison City Council at last week's meeting that while the data is not the end all to evaluating community policing it is a valuable tool that factors into the overall assessment. He said data can show year to year changes in local crime and community problems but to be truly accurate needs other factors also taken into consideration.

For example, drug-related calls in 2024 dropped 40% in Madison compared to 2023 and the community saw fewer drug overdoses after seeing a spike

in overdoses in 2023. That's probably a good indication that drug enforcement and deterrence has improved in the past 12 months — and in fact he said it has — but it can also be an indication that drug related calls are perhaps being categorized under a different type of call.

Scudder noted that drug calls are often initially reported as an unresponsive person and logged as such when in fact once officers arrive on scene they realize the person is unresponsive because they are intoxicated. The way an incident is coded can give very different — and sometimes misleading — data on what is really taking place.

"We have to filter how it's coded," Scudder said, noting call data needs to include not just the initial complaint but the findings and developments investigating officers determine as the call continues.

"We have asked our captains to log the highest charge on all calls," Scudder told the council. "It should be coded for every event but we're just not there yet."

Scudder wants to focus on better data collection moving forward and that will involve training, oversight and equipment. He said all those things are being put in place to help facilitate that process.

"Data can show the number of officers per population and miles — that's easy," said Mayor Bob Courtney. "But the hard part is understanding what type of crime we're having so the focus has to be on the reporting and not just on the collecting data."

Scudder said one thing that has made a big difference is the department's effort to increase and improve community police by getting officers out in neighborhoods and making

patrols along with helping to form citizen watch groups to report crimes and help keep an eye out for potential problems.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

- The Council approved a resolution to transfer funds to correct scrivener errors in the 2025 budget.
- The mayor issued a order proclaiming February Black History Month.
- The council approved an amendment to the city's salary ordinance to update some water and sewer department pay ranges than were overlooked earlier.
- Approved the appointment of Tony Schroeder to a three-year term on the Human Relations Commission and Amy Kasper to the unexpired term of Paula Menke on the Madison Police Department Merit Board.



Anderson Elementary counselor Carrie Dickerson.

Commissioners award contract for paving roads to Dave O'Mara Contractor

BY BOB DEMAREE
With Jefferson County receiving a \$1.5 million Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) for paving county roads, bids were opened last week with the contract awarded at Thursday's Commissioners meeting to the lowest bidder Dave O'Mara Contractors.

Dave O'Mara Contractors, of North Vernon, placed a bid of \$1,474,798, and was awarded the contract. County Highway Superintendent Jason Copeland said the engineer's estimate was \$1,800,517.62.

Other bids came from Mac Construction, New Albany, \$1,733,148; All-Star Paving, Seymour, \$1,795,467.50; Temple and Temple Excavating and Paving, Salem, \$1,875,000; and Paul H. Rohe Asphalt Paving, Aurora, \$2,643,422.

The \$1.5 million CCMG

grant is being funded 75% by state funds and the 25% by county funds.

Copeland said no date has been set for when paving work will begin, noting that weather is a factor. "We're always excited to get Community Crossings. We have several roads that need" paving. It's a big plus" to have some funding for paving on some of those roads.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

- Building inspector Josh Cline provided an update on two properties that had been owned by Arlie Colvin in Kent— 8225 West Kent State Road 256 and 8231 West Kent State Road 256 — that the county has been working to get cleaned up since structures were destroyed by fire on Nov. 27, 2022. Cline said the property at 8231 West

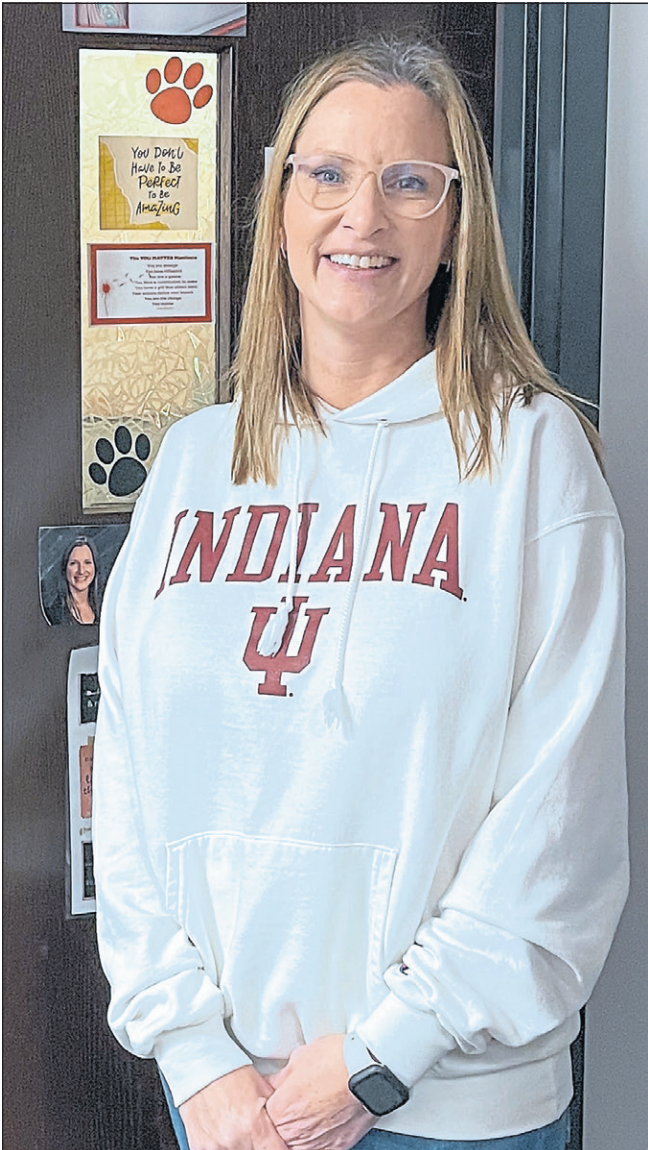
Kent State Road 256 has been sold and the new owner is cleaning it up. The property at 8225 is still owned by Colvin and there are trailers where he is living that Cline said needs to be reviewed by the Plan Commission.

- Copeland said the county highway department is working through challenging weather conditions, most recently contending with flooding, then snow, and cold temperatures preventing work on areas where there have been wash outs. He's hopeful with warmer weather, "we'll be able to clean out some of those wash outs."
- Commissioner David Bramer expressed concern about a bill in the Indiana General Assembly — House Bill 1461 — that as part of the requirement for the Community Crossing Matching Grant

(CCMG) wants local ordinances implementing a wheel tax and excise tax as a funding mechanism for roads and bridges.

- Brian Amick, the county's grant writer/archivist, said applications can now be submitted for county grants for small business owners.

The program began in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic as a Revolving Loan program set up for 48 months to pay back for two years, then if in good standing the second half was given. In order to wrap up the program, with \$50,000 remaining from the county's original \$300,000 allocation, it has now been converted from a loan program into a cash grant program to expend the remainder of the funds. Amick said so far nine applications have been received.



Madison Junior High mental health counselor Natasha Leahigh.

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2 MCS counselors honored for mental health coordination

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Two Madison Consolidated Schools counselors — Carrie Dickerson and Natasha Leahigh — have been honored as Super Care Heroes for their work in mental health coordination through Care Solace.

MCS partnered in December 2023 with Care Solace for mental care coordination to provide access to care at no cost to students, staff and their families.

Dickerson is a school counselor at Anderson Elementary School and Leahigh is a mental health counselor at Madison Junior High School.

The Super Care Hero Award celebrates mental health advocates, school counselors, and school mental health staff who go above and beyond to connect students to the care they need. This recognition highlights their dedication to changing lives, supporting student well-being, and creating a positive impact in the community.

"We know there is a need for this type of service within our school community," said Lori Slygh, MCS assistant director of programs. "Our school counselors and social workers have incredible relationships and do amazing work

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with our students, staff, and families, but sometimes some needs go beyond the care we can provide. We now have a resource we are very excited about and proud to be able to offer within our district."

Care Solace is a 24/7/365 organization with Care Companions that can support individuals in any language to help individuals quickly find treatment options matched to their specific needs regardless of the circumstance.

100th Birthday



Bob Demaree
A 100th birthday celebration was held last week at River Terrace Health Campus for Renavae “Peg” Adams, who was born Feb. 26, 1925, in Whitesburg, Kentucky, where she grew up with 14 brothers and sisters. She was a teacher for 38 years — the majority of those as a fourth grade teacher at Dupont Elementary School, and was a Dupont resident until moving to Madison in 1993. Her husband, Ellis Adams, died in 1997. Peg Adams moved to River Terrace two years ago after a hip fracture, living alone in her home until age 98. Adams (pictured) celebrated the birthday recently including receiving a key to the city by Madison Mayor Bob Courtney.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS
State of the City Address
Mayor Bob Courtney
Fairfield Inn & Suites
108 St. Michaels Avenue
Thursday, Feb. 27 — 6 p.m.
Madison Mayor Bob Courtney will deliver his State of the City address recapping 2024 and detailing plans for 2025 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in downtown Madison. The event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the address at 6 p.m.

IKE Retirees Breakfast
Clifty Inn, Madison
Tuesday, March 4 — 8 a.m.
The monthly breakfast of the retirees of Indiana Kentucky Electric Corp. and their guests will be at 8 a.m. Tuesday, March 4 at Clifty Inn.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
Indiana Poet Laureate Curtis Crisler
Fairfield Inn and Suites at the

Picker House
108 St. Michael's Ave., Madison
Thursday, Feb. 27, 6 p.m.
Curtis Crisler, who was named Indiana Poet Laureate, will be joined with a display of beaded jewelry by Janine Wells.

Notable Films
Ohio Theatre
105 East Main St., Madison
Friday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.
The movie “Black Panther”, a 2018 superhero film based on the Marvel Comics character by the same name. Free.

SPEAKERS
Ivy Tech Community College Madison
590 Ivy Tech Drive, Madison
Monday, March 3, 6:30 p.m.
Big Oaks Conservation Society will host a talk discussing “Deer Management and Research in Indiana” featuring Dr. Joe Caudell from the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The talk will highlight current survey techniques, the latest

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) information, and how state biologist use science to manage the state's deer herd.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
Gleaners Mobile Food Pantry
National Guard Armory
1533 Clifty Drive, Madison
March 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
The Gleaners Mobile Food Pantry in Jefferson County is the second Monday of each month. The event serves about 250 families locally with a drive through food distribution from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or when supplies run out.

Salvation Army Food Bank
331 East Main St.
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays noon-1 p.m.
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.
For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry
100 East 2nd St., Madison
Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays 9-11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS
Jesus Clothes Closet
Trinity United Methodist Church
412 W. Main St., Madison
Mondays 9-11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to those in need. For more information, call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS
Hanover Senior Citizens Center
Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Irish-themed open house celebration set for St. Michael March 9

BY THE COURIER STAFF
An Irish-themed open house as part of an early celebration of St. Patrick's Day will be held Sunday, March 9, from 1-4 p.m., at St. Michael the Archangel, 519 East Third St.

The church building was donated to Historic Madison Inc. in 1993 by the Indianapolis Archdiocese after serving the Madison Catholic community for 154 years. Built between 1838 and 1839, the Gothic Revival designed structure is the second oldest building built as a Catholic church in Indiana. According to the Indiana State of Historic Preservation Office, it is the oldest Gothic-style building in Indiana.

Music will be played on the 1895 Tracker Organ from 1-2 p.m. and the Yamaha Piano from 2-4 p.m.

The open house provides the opportunity to learn a little history of the building and the people who once worshipped there, and taste a selection of Irish teas and treats courtesy of the Ohio Valley Celtic Society. Information about the Madison Ulster Project will also be available at the event.

Admission is free with recommended donations for visiting and enjoying the teas. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Ohio Valley Celtic Society and restoration efforts for St. Michael's.

Call Steve Thomas at 812-273-3755 for information about the Ohio Valley Celtic Society, email Maureen Staicer for the Ulster Project at president@madisonulster.org, and Jessica Spiess at 812-265-2967 for information about St. Michael's.

Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.
Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

Madison Senior Citizens Center
Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main St. on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6.
Meals are \$6 for anyone under age 60.
Game Days: The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.
The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m.
The games are free and open to senior citizens.

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Cameron praises Trump in bid for Senate seat

GOP candidate criticizes mentor McConnell

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Republican Senate candidate Daniel Cameron lavished praise Monday on Donald Trump and criticized his mentor Sen. Mitch McConnell, reflecting the president's dominance within the GOP and setting an early tone for what looks to be a competitive primary for a Kentucky Senate seat in 2026.

In a campaign video, Cameron said McConnell was “flat out wrong” for opposing a trio of presidential nominations, chastising the seven-term senator who helped launch Cameron's career in politics.

Seeming to part ways with McConnell on a key national security issue, Cameron declared “enough is enough” when it comes to U.S. funding for Ukraine in its war with Russia. McConnell has championed support for Ukraine and lumped Russia among adversaries he calls an “axis of aggressors” posing a fundamental threat to America and its allies.

Cameron's remarks came on the third anniversary of Russia's invasion and at a time when U.S. policies on Russia and Ukraine are shifting dramatically under Trump. They signaled a remarkable shift in power away from Kentucky's senior senator, who announced last week that he won't seek reelection after his long tenure as a power broker leading his party in the U.S. Senate.

“I'm going to be the type of senator that stands up for your constitutional rights and is going to support President Trump's ‘America First’ agenda,” Cameron, a former aide to McConnell and later the state attorney general, said in the video.

Cameron's campaign cast the video as an official campaign launch, though he confirmed last week that he was in the race shortly after McConnell revealed his plans to retire next year.

Cameron's willingness

to break with McConnell reflected the senator's diminished status even in Kentucky, the state he has represented since the mid-1980s and where he helped orchestrate the GOP's rise to power. It also signaled the value of a Trump endorsement, seen as potentially decisive in determining who wins the GOP primary next year.

“They're all kissing Trump's behind and doing their best to look like they're the most Trump person, which is really discouraging when we're talking about a constitutionally independent office,” former Kentucky state Sen. Whitney Westerfield, a Republican and Trump critic, said by phone Monday.

As for McConnell's influence in Cameron's career, Westerfield said: “I don't think his political career would be where it is without McConnell.”

Westerfield said he saw that influence firsthand. After narrowly losing his campaign for Kentucky attorney general in 2015, he was prepared to run again in 2019 until being warned the McConnell camp was ready to run a blistering primary campaign against him, he said. Westerfield pulled out and said Monday he thought the pressure was meant to benefit Cameron.

Elsewhere in Kentucky's Republican ranks, U.S. Rep. Andy Barr has signaled he would announce his plans soon and said he's been encouraged by support he's already received as he considers a Senate run. Businessman Nate Morris has signaled his strong interest in the Senate race, too.

The state's two Democrats holding statewide office— Gov. Andy Beshear and Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman — have both said they will not enter the race. A top legislative Democrat, state House Minority Floor Leader Pamela Stevenson, recently filed to raise money for the Senate race.

Cameron's ties to McConnell reach back to Cameron's college days, when he

was part of the McConnell Scholars Program at the University of Louisville. Cameron later worked as McConnell's general counsel.

On the night Cameron was elected as Kentucky's first Black attorney general in 2019, Cameron said that McConnell had “changed the trajectory of my life” by urging him to run for attorney general.

“I'm proud to call him a friend, I'm proud to call him a mentor,” Cameron said.

Scott Jennings, a Republican political strategist close to both McConnell and Cameron, downplayed the criticism Cameron leveled at his mentor. Jennings said it's become standard for Republican candidates to align themselves with Trump in GOP primaries. Cameron ran for governor in 2023 and hitched his campaign to Trump's coattails but lost to Beshear.

“Good candidates can have it both ways,” Jennings said Monday. “They can be respectful to those who have boosted their careers and at the same time clearly state their positions.”

When McConnell revealed his retirement plans, Barr said the senator had “reshaped the federal judiciary” and thanked McConnell for his service.

Barr has said he will fight for Trump's agenda. A Barr spokesman said last week that Cameron “embarrassed” Trump and the GOP by losing the governor's race. Barr's spokesman also said the party needs “proven winners,” perhaps foreshadowing Barr's pitch for a Trump endorsement.

Cameron responded by saying, “You get outside of his district, nobody knows who Andy Barr is.”

Meanwhile, Morris has cast himself as a political outsider. While Cameron and Barr jockeyed behind the scenes while awaiting McConnell's decision on the 2026 race, Morris bluntly said it was time for McConnell to retire. He ripped into the senator for opposing three Trump nominations and accused his potential GOP rivals of lacking the backbone to speak out about the McConnell votes.

Man sentenced to 105 years in fatal shooting of Dutch soldier

Duncan also wounded 2 others

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indiana man has been sentenced to 105 years in prison for the 2022 fatal shooting of a Dutch soldier and wounding of two others in downtown Indianapolis.

A Marion County judge on Monday ordered Shamar Duncan to serve 60 years for murder, 35 years for attempted murder and 10 years for aggravated battery. The sentences are to be

served consecutively.

A jury convicted Duncan last month.

Simmie Poetsema, 26, and the other two soldiers had been training at a southern Indiana military camp. The soldiers were walking back to their hotel during a night off in Indianapolis when they clashed with Duncan and a group of his friends, according to court documents.

Witnesses told police that the soldiers tried to defuse the situation but

that a brief fight broke out before the gunshots were fired from a passing pickup truck.

Poetsema was a member of the Dutch Commando Corps.

Duncan told one of his friends that he opened fire on the soldiers because he “just spazzed,” according to an arrest affidavit.

Duncan apologized during the sentencing to the families of the victims. Duncan also told his family he was sorry for “letting them down,” according to WXIN-TV.

Madison High Homecoming Royalty



David Campbell

Bodie Harsin (left) and Michelle Laguna-Raphael (right) were named Madison Consolidated High School's Homecoming King and Queen and crowned before Saturday's game against Trinity Lutheran at Salm Gym.

CASA Charity Auction scheduled for April 17

BY THE COURIER STAFF

CASA of Jefferson County will host its annual When Your Heart is Broken, Make Art with the Pieces Charity Auction on Thursday, April 17, where attendees have the chance to bid on a wide variety of artwork created and donated by local artists.

This year's event will be at the Eagle Cotton Mill Fairfield Inn and Suites. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with live entertainment, a catered buffet and cash bar while mingling and perusing the silent auction and raffle takes place.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. and feature an address by Circuit Court Judge D.J. Mote, a celebration of our Champion for Children Honorees, the live auction, and more music to finish the evening.

The event will include art from Eric Phagan's Madison Junior High School students that will be auctioned off. Tickets and tables are available at www.casa-jc.net

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Madison's Sever dominates sprint freestyles at swim sectional

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

GEORGETOWN — Madison's Camdyn Sever came into the boys swim sectional finals with high expectations and he did not disappoint, setting two school records and winning two events easily at the IHSAA Boys Swimming Sectional at Floyd Central on Saturday.

Sever entered the finals as the No. 1 seed in both the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events and not only won each, but did so with impressive state cut times. Needless to say, both wins also broke his own school records in the events.

But even with that performance, Sever felt like he could have done even better.

"In the 50, I was hoping to go in the 20s, and I was really close with a 21.09. I know it's a good time, but when I saw it, I still wasn't satisfied," Sever said. "I was really hoping for that 20, but then when I got to the 100, I was hoping for 45 or 46. I got the 46 and that just made it feel a little bit better."

Sever actually opened his day with an impressive anchor leg in the 200 medley relay that saw Madison place second overall in 1:40.72 with Cole Goodknight, William Overpeck and Garrett Klein swimming the first three legs. Sever swam the freestyle leg and completed it in 20.50.

That performance in the relay gave Sever every belief that he could equal it when the 50 free



David Campbell

Madison's Camdyn Sever smiles while talking with Shawe's Matthew Vaughn after winning the 100-yard freestyle at the IHSAA Boys Swim Sectional on Saturday. Sever set two school records while winning both the 50 free and 100 free.

came around about 20 minutes later. He didn't get that low, but his time of 21.09 was still nearly a second faster than runner-up Colin Hartung of Floyd Central and was a state cut time.

Sever followed that with an equally impressive performance in the 100 freestyle, posting a time of 46.74 which was also a state cut time and nearly a second faster than the runner-up swimmer.

"Overall, I'm happy with the day," Sever said. "I'll just get

those times at state."

Sever was the only local swimmer to win an event and earn a berth to the state finals. Shawe's Matthew Vaughn came into the day seeded No. 2 in two events but placed third in the 200 freestyle in 1:48.43 and fourth in the 100 freestyle in 48.62. However, Vaughn broke his own school records in both events.

Madison's 200 freestyle relay team of Trenton Schafer, Overpeck, Owain Kelsey and Sever

placed third in 1:34.81 and Overpeck was fourth in the 100 breaststroke in 1:02.41.

Switzerland County's Caleb Ridener placed sixth in the 100 backstroke in 58.70. Ridener was also eighth in the 100 freestyle with a school-record time of 51.16.

Other finals finishes for Madison were: Schafer, Kelsey, Goodknight and Klein, sixth, 400 free relay, 3:39.78; Klein, seventh, 100 fly, 56.78 and eighth, 200 IM, 2:12.79; Good-

knight, seventh, 100 back, 59.70 and 13th, 50 free, 24.20; Schafer, eighth, 200 free, 1:59.89 and 10th, 100 free, 53.52; Overpeck, 10th, 200 IM, 2:14.71; Kelsey, 16th, 100 free, 56.64.

Other finals finishes for Switzerland County were: Harlowe Haines, Zayne Smith, Ridener and Seth Burke, ninth, 200 medley relay, 2:08.54 and 12th, 200 free relay, 1:56.97; Smith, 14th, 100 breast, 1:15.16; and Haines, 16th, 500 free, 6:24.51.

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Nussbaum posts coaching win No. 100 as Southwestern's beats Austin

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Southwestern coach Zac Nussbaum has now won 101 games in his high school career but it's doubtful that many were as heart-stopping as Friday's win was.

Southwestern's Adam Traylor scored seven points in the final two minutes and the Rebels gutted out a 53-51 win over Austin at home on Friday.

Southwestern trailed at both the second and third quarter breaks but battled back in the fourth to finally take the lead. Traylor's three-point play with just over two minutes left gave the Rebels the lead for good and the senior added four more free throws down the stretch, the last two with 10 seconds to go to put Southwestern ahead 53-49.

Austin answered with a quick bucket and Southwestern missed two free throws on the other end to give the Eagles a chance with two seconds to go. But Brady Cook stole the inbounds pass and the Rebels escaped with the win.

The victory was the 100th of Nussbaum's coaching career — all at Southwestern over the past six seasons — but he was quick to deflect the attention.

"It just means I have had a lot of good players and lot of good assistants. And I'm not just saying that to try to sound humble. It's a fact" Nussbaum said. "Every coach will tell you that if you coach bad players, it's gonna be hard to win. But if you have good kids, kids that are coachable and are willing to work hard for you, you can win a lot of ball games."

Southwestern (17-4) struggled from the start against a quickly improving Austin team. While the Rebels had an 11-7 lead after the first quarter, they trailed 24-23 at the half and 37-33 after three quarters.

Austin's lead never got more than six but the Rebels struggled to figure out the Eagles' match-up zone. In the fourth quarter, the Southwestern seniors finally showed their experience and they began making the plays they needed to make.

"I'm not making excuses for them, but being on virtual (learning) all week not being able to practice, it's just so much harder to stay in rhythm and stay in shape," Nussbaum said. "No one could help that we've had some bad weather and an unlucky situation with our heat, is what it is. But I was really proud of the



David Campbell

Southwestern coach Zac Nussbaum picked up his 100th career win in the Rebels' 53-51 win over Austin at home on Friday. Nussbaum is now 101-28 in just over six seasons in Hanover, the second-highest winning percentage in the state among active coaches.



Southwestern junior Addy Nussbaum (with sign) celebrates with classmate Tori Gammons after her father won his 100th career game on Friday against Austin.



Southwestern's Braxton Lewis (4) celebrates with teammate Adam Traylor after Traylor's crucial bucket and foul late in the Rebels' 53-51 win over Austin Friday at home.

Pacers' Richards finishes 4th in state wrestling finals

BY THE COURIER STAFF

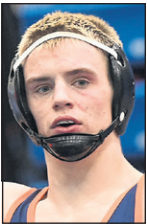
Switzerland County junior Peyton Richards won his first two matches and finished fourth overall at the IHSAA Boys Wrestling State Finals over the weekend.

Richards, who was making his first-ever trip to the state finals and wrestling at 138 pounds, opened the tournament with a 4-1 victory over Dylan Ogg of Adams Central in the first round on Friday evening. He then posted an 8-5 win over Jack Davis of Indianapolis Chatterbox in the quarterfinals on Saturday morning. The two victories sent

Richards to the semifinals where he lost an 18-3 technical fall in 2:50 to Braylon Reynolds of Brownsburg. Richards then lost a 11-0 major decision to Evan Stanley of Lowell in the third-place match to place fourth.

Reynolds ended up suffering a 7-5 loss to Isaiah Schaeffer of Evansville Mater Dei in the state championship bout.

Richards became just the second wrestler in Switzerland County history to reach the state finals, following Gabe Rose a year ago. He capped the season with a 36-5 record.



Peyton Richards

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, FEB. 25

BASEBALL

Hanover at Piedmont (Ga.), 6 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Trimble Co. girls vs. Henry Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Eminence, 6 p.m.
Shawe boys host Milan, 7:30 p.m.

Southwestern boys hosts Charlestown, 7:30 p.m.

Trimble Co. boys vs. Owen Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Eminence, 7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Hanover at University of Dallas (DH), 5 p.m.

TENNIS

Hanover men and women vs. Michigan Tech at Orlando, Fla., 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co./Eminence girls vs. Owen Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Eminence, 6 p.m.

Carroll Co./Eminence boys vs. Gallatin Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Eminence, 7:30 p.m.

LACROSSE

Hanover men at Warren Wilson, 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Hanover at Concordia (Tex.) (DH), 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

BASKETBALL

Trimble Co./Henry Co. girls vs. Gallatin Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Eminence, 6 p.m.

Trimble Co./Owen Co. boys vs. Henry Co., KHSAA 31st District Tournament at Eminence, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

BASEBALL

Hanover vs. Oglethorpe at Maryville, Tenn., 1 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Hanover men vs. Anderson, HCAC Tournament at Anderson, 5 p.m.

Carroll Co./Eminence/Owen Co. girls vs. Trimble Co./Henry Co./Gallatin Co., KHSAA 31st District Championship at Eminence, 6 p.m.

Hanover women vs. Mount St. Joseph, HCAC Tournament at Transylvania, 7 p.m.

Carroll Co./Eminence/Gallatin Co. boys vs. Trimble Co./Owen Co./Henry Co., KHSAA 31st District Championship at Eminence, 7:30 p.m.

Madison boys host Switzerland Co., 7:30 p.m.

Shawe boys at Rising Sun, 7:30 p.m.

LACROSSE

Hanover men at Brevard, 4:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison's Camdyn Sever, IHSAA Boys Swimming State Finals at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.

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Long-shooting Cubs overwhelm Trinity Lutheran on homecoming

Harden, True both break 3-point records

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Damon Harden led another long-range shooting show by Madison which knocked down 13 3-pointers in a 69-63 win over Trinity Lutheran Saturday on the Cubs' homecoming.

Just a week after Landon True tied his own school record with nine 3-pointers in a game, Harden did one better, going 10-for-14 from behind the arc while scoring a career-high 30 points as the Cubs took the lead in the second quarter and held off a late Trinity charge for the win.

It was just the latest shooting performance for a Madison team that has had plenty of them during the season.

"Between (Harden), Landon True and Mason Davis, we hit a lot of threes. It wasn't a surprise to me; they've been knocking them down all season," Madison coach Danny Gibson said. "We've been a 3-point shooting team, and so I'm really not surprised that he hit 10 threes."

If the fact Harden hit 10 3-pointers isn't a surprise, then maybe the fact that he did it all in the final three quarters might have been. Harden was shut out in the first quarter and the Cubs generally struggled, trailing 13-9 after the period.

But Madison (8-14) heated up in the second, starting with a True bucket, and ripped off a 14-0 run that saw the Cubs take a 28-19 lead into halftime. Harden didn't hit a triple — or even score — during the first quarter, but he had four in the second as Madison took a lead it never relinquished.

Although the Cubs led the rest of the way, they never really put Trinity away. Madison held its largest lead of the game at 58-47 with 4:12 to play, but the Cougars started hitting their own 3-pointers and closed to within five (62-57) with just over a minute left. Madison then used free throws down the stretch to fend off Trinity and seal the win.

A night after Madison gave up the lead late and lost on a last-second shot to Columbus East, Gibson was pleased to see his team secure the win.

"I was really proud that we forgot about last night



Trinity Lutheran's Kade Gilaspy (40) tumbles over Madison's Carlos Salom after falling for a shot fake during Madison's win Saturday at home.

and got in here and got us a good win," Gibson said. "We played hard."

Along with Harden's 30 points — all from behind the arc — True scored 16 and Davis had 15. Zachary Vinup added eight points and eight rebounds and even got a 3-pointer of his own.

Luke Schepman had 24 points and Braxton Sinclair had 19 to lead Trinity (7-15).

On Friday, Madison led Columbus East by seven points with 5:52 to play but ended up on the losing end of a 54-52 decision. The Olympians' Keeton Lawson hit a layup with three seconds to go to give East the win.

True hit 5-of-8 3-pointers and scored 22 points to lead Madison while Davis scored 20 points. The five 3-pointers for True allowed him to break the Madison school record for career 3-pointers made.

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Madison's Landon True (3) fires a 3-pointer over Trinity Lutheran's Bode Brooks (14) and Kade Gilaspy (40) during Saturday's game at home. True recently set the Madison school record for career 3-pointers.

Pairings set for IHSAA Boys Basketball Tourney

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The draw for the 2025 IHSAA Boys Basketball State Tournament was held on Sunday evening.

Both Madison and Southwestern drew first-round byes and will not play until Friday, March 7. Shawe and Switzerland County will both play in the opening round of their respective tournaments on Tuesday, March 4. The championship game for all tournaments is set for Saturday, March 8.

Pairings are:



FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Game 2 — Brown Co. (6-14) vs. South Ripley (20-1), 6 p.m.

Game 3 — Southwestern (17-4) vs. Winner Game 1, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Championship — Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3, 7:30 p.m.

CLASS 3A SECTIONAL 30 at Charlestown

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Game 1 — North Harrison (6-13) vs. Charlestown (16-5), 6 p.m.

Game 2 — Corydon (14-6) vs. Silver Creek (20-3), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7

Game 3 — Brownstown (19-1) vs. Winner Game 1, 6 p.m.

Game 4 — Madison (8-14) vs. Winner Game 2, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Championship — Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 7:30 p.m.

CLASS A SECTIONAL 60 at Milan

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Game 1 — Hauser (19-3) vs. Shawe (7-14), 6 p.m.

Game 2 — Jac-Cen-Del (6-15) vs. Trinity Lutheran (7-15), 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Game 3 — Oldenburg (12-8) vs. Rising Sun (4-18), 6 p.m.

Game 4 — Crothersville (9-14) vs. Milan (8-12), 7:30 p.m.

CLASS 2A SECTIONAL 45 at Southwestern

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Game 1 — Switzerland Co. (12-9) vs. Austin (9-13), 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Game 5 — Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 6 p.m.

Game 6 — Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Championship — Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 7:30 p.m.

Francona wants Reds veterans to ignore ABS test

GOODYEAR, Ariz. — Cincinnati Reds manager Terry Francona says he's told players not to use the experimental Automated Ball-Strike System in spring training.

Francona told The Athletic he's OK with younger players challenging calls via the ABS, which has been in use in the minors. But he figures there's little point for veterans since the system won't be in effect in the majors during this coming regular season.

"Why work on a strategy we're not going to use?" Francona said. "It just muddies the waters."

The computerized system is being tested during major league spring train-

ing exhibition games after four years of experiments in the minors. Starting last year, MLB focused testing on a challenge system in which the human umpire makes each original call. Data from the spring training test could cause MLB to make alterations to the system for Triple-A games this year.

Francona sounds more interested in preparing the Reds for the season — his first as their manager — than helping add more data in an ABS test run.

"I don't want to make a farce of anything, but we're here getting ready for a season and that's not helping us get ready," he said.

SEVER

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Floyd Central won the team championship with 463 points while Seymour was second with 381.5. Madison placed fourth overall with 212, Switzerland was 11th with 56 points and Shawe was 13th with 31.

The state finals will be held at the Indiana University Natatorium in Indianapolis starting with the preliminaries on Friday at 4:30 p.m. The finals will be on Saturday morning.

Sever, a senior, is seeded seventh out of 33 swimmers in the 50 free and 14th in the 100 free. His goal is to finish in the top eight.

"I'm hoping to end my career on the podium, because my overall goal in swimming is to get into the (school) Hall of Fame," Sever said. "I think it'd be really cool, because my mom and my older sister are both in the Hall of Fame so I'm hoping to get the first family to have three members in it."



Madison's Camdyn Sever (center) raises his arms as his parents Monte (left) and Tiffany (right) applaud after he won the 100-yard freestyle during the IHSAA Boys Swim Sectional at Floyd Central on Saturday. Sever set two school records while winning both the 50 free and 100 free.



Shawe's Matthew Vaughn swims the 200-yard freestyle during the IHSAA Boys Swim Sectional at Floyd Central on Saturday. Vaughn set two school records on the day.

HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Switzerland boys beat Eagles, Mustangs

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County's boys basketball swept the weekend, beating Jac-Cen-Del 53-51 at home on Friday and New Washington 60-44 on the road Saturday.

No statistics for either game were available.

Switzerland, now 12-9 on the season, closes out the regular season at Madison on Friday. The Pacers then open the Class 2A Sectional at Southwestern on Tuesday, March 4, when they take on Austin.

finale on Friday.

Ethan Keller scored 17 points to lead Trimble while Briar Rucker had 12 and Hayden Webster scored 11.

Trimble, now 6-23 on the season, faces Owen County in the opening round of the 31st District Tournament at Eminence on Tuesday. The winner faces No. 2 seed Henry County on Thursday.

Carroll, now 13-15 on the season, played Eminence in the opening round of the 31st District Tournament at Eminence on Monday. The winner plays top-seeded Owen County on Wednesday.

TRIMBLE BOYS FALL TO PORTLAND

Trimble County boys basketball suffered a 65-58 loss at home to Portland Christian in the Raiders' regular-season

CARROLL GIRLS LOSE TO LLOYD

Carroll County's girls basketball closed out the regular season with a 44-41 loss at home to Lloyd Memorial on Thursday.

Cloie McGuire had 17 points for the Panthers and Elle Spencer scored 14.

CARROLL BOYS BEAT VILLA MADONNA

Carroll County boys basketball scored a 69-49 win over Villa Madonna in the Panthers' regular-season finale on Friday at home.

No statistics from the game were available.

Carroll, now 10-16 on the season, played Eminence in the opening round of the 31st District Tournament at Eminence on Monday. The winner plays top-seeded Gallatin County on Wednesday.

Hanover women open HCAC Tourney with win over Berea

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Hanover College women's basketball coach John Jones knew exactly how dangerous Berea could be and that his team needed to get off to a good start against the Mountaineers.

He got just what he wanted.

Hanover jumped out to an 11-0 lead and held that cushion the rest of the way to post a 66-53 win over Berea in the opening round of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament at home on Saturday.

That big early lead didn't last long — Berea cut the margin in half by the end of the first quarter — but the Panthers never trailed and walked away with the win.

"I thought we got out to a really good start and separated ourselves. Give them credit. They were a tourney team last year, 23-4 with everybody back. I think they were just getting used to the Heartland," Jones said of Berea, which is playing in its first year in the HCAC. "I thought they were the best six seed in the country. They lost

every tiebreaker. But I'm proud of my three seniors, especially with how they showed up today."

Hanover (19-7) won nine of its first 11 conference games before a loss to Berea on Jan. 22 threw the Panthers for a loop. Hanover then lost four of its final nine league games, falling to a No. 3 seed in the tournament.

But the Panthers looked to be back in form on Saturday. Hanover outscored the Mountaineers 23-11 in the second quarter and led by as many as 18 in the third before Berea mounted a late comeback of sorts, to close to within nine before getting no closer.

Hanover's 1-2 punch of Grace Bezold and Sammy Berman were simply too much for Berea to overcome. Bezold, the senior from Covington, Kentucky, who was the national player of the week last week, scored a game-high 25 points and grabbed nine rebounds while dominating the paint.

But Jones was equally impressed with Berman, SEE **HANOVER/PAGE B4**



David Campbell

Hanover's Grace Bezold (1) dribbles around Berea's Neveah Bates (11) during the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament at Collier Arena on Saturday.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panthers start and end quickly to beat Transy in HCAC opener

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover's men opened the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament with a 15-4 run and capped the night with a 19-5 run to post a 69-64 win over Transylvania in an opening round matchup Saturday at Collier Arena.

Everything went right for the Panthers in that opening stretch but Transylvania quickly regrouped and used an 18-6 run to take the lead. The Pioneers led by as many as nine (59-50) with 7:23 left to play when Hanover made its big closing run.

The Panthers finally took the lead on a Luke Miller 3-pointer with 2:44 to play followed by a Michael Donoho bucket to put Hanover up three. The Panthers stretched the margin to seven before holding on for the win.

Coleman Sater led Hanover with a double-double of 18 points and 12 rebounds while Donoho also had a double-double, scoring 18 points and grabbing



David Campbell

Hanover's C.J. Walls (35) shoots over Transylvania's Dakota Capps during the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament game at Collier Arena on Saturday.

10 rebounds. C.J. Walls added 16 points and Miller, the former Madison Cub, had eight points.

Hanover, now 16-10 on the season, advances to

the HCAC semifinals on Friday where the Panthers will face top-seeded Anderson on its home floor. The championship game will be on Saturday.

TRACK SETS RECORD AT ISU

Hanover's track and field teams saw three school records fall in the John Gartland Invitational at Indiana State on Saturday.

Brandon Bensouda finished second in the men's 60-meter dash in 6.96, Ethan Weston was fifth in the men's 3000 run in 8:39.85 and Callie Swegman was second in the women's 3000 run in 10:31.44 with all three times setting new school records.

Other top finishes for the Hanover men were: Gaven Followell, Sean Woods, Anthony Lloyd and Andrew Goedde, fifth, 1600 relay, 3:37.59; Layden Adair, sixth, 200 dash, 23.07; Tommy Wilmoth, sixth, shot put, 14.63m; Jayden Enderle, seventh, 400 dash, 52.12; and Alex Bower, ninth, long jump, 6.34m.

Other top finishes for the Hanover women were: Jessie Stenger, fifth, shot put, 12.9m and seventh, weight throw, 14.80m; Paige Wildman, seventh, 1-mile run,

5:25.14; and Emma Litzelman, eighth, 800 run, 2:29.36.

Hanover competes in the HCAC Indoor Championships at Anderson on Saturday.

BASEBALL OPENS WITH WINS

Hanover baseball opened the 2025 season with two wins and a loss in the Methodist Invitational in Fayetteville, North Carolina, over the weekend.

On Saturday, Hanover suffered a 10-2 loss to Mary Washington but the Panthers regrouped to beat Hartford 14-12 and Methodist 7-1, both on Sunday.

Reid Douglas hit a home run in the loss to Mary Washington while John Girard suffered the loss on the mound. Nicky Gutzwiller had a double and four RBIs and Zekl Bradley got the win against Hartford. Jake Danneman homered and drove in four runs and Dalton Sisson got the win against Methodist.

Hanover, now 2-1 on the season, travels to

Piedmont (Ga.) on Tuesday and competes in the Maryville (Tenn.) Invitational starting on Friday.

MEN'S LACROSSE WINS

Hanover men's lacrosse scored a 10-4 win at Beloit (Wis.) on Sunday.

Ethan Abdoo, Owen Parker and Colin O'Brien each scored two goals for the Panthers. Matthew Hillard had 11 saves and Lance Guttormson had eight saves for the Panthers.

Hanover, now 2-1 on the season, travels to Warren Wilson (N.C.) on Wednesday and to Breward (N.C.) on Friday.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE FALLS

Hanover women's lacrosse suffered an 11-3 loss at Elmhurst (Ill.) on Saturday.

Abby Mensing had two goals and Anissa Weber scored one for Hanover. Emma Williams had 10 saves in goal.

Hanover, now 0-2 on the season, has two weeks off before traveling to Illinois Tech on Thursday, March 13.

Hepburn lifts No. 25 Louisville over Florida State

BY GARY B. GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Chucky Hepburn made five free throws down the stretch as part of his 29 points, J'Vonne Hadley added 18 points and No. 25 Louisville withstood several second-half rallies to hold off Florida State 89-81 on Saturday for its fifth consecutive win.

The Cardinals (21-6, 14-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) led 39-19 late in the first half before the Seminoles closed within six points several times in the second half.

Hadley and Terrence Edwards Jr. (16 points) made layups for a double-digit advantage, and Hepburn followed with a basket in the paint and two free throws for a 74-61 cushion.

Hepburn's fallback 3 with a tick left on the shot clock made it 79-64, but Florida State got within 81-75 on Daquan Davis' layup with 1:05 left. Hepburn made three free throws, Edwards hit two and Hepburn made two more with 14 seconds left to help Louisville complete a season sweep.

Jamir Watkins had 23 points and Malique Ewin 19 for the Seminoles (16-11, 7-9), who had won three of four coming in.

Hepburn made 17 of 19 from the line to offset 5-of-13 shooting for his second-highest scoring total this season. The Cardinals finished 26 of 52 from the field and 30 of 34 from the line.

TAKEAWAYS

Florida State: The Seminoles began out of sync on both ends but regrouped by halftime and made it tense in the second half.

Louisville: The Cardinals never trailed but weren't in control and needed every one of Hepburn's free throws.

KEY MOMENT

Hepburn made a steal, was fouled by Daquan Davis with 53 seconds left and hit two free throws.

KEY STATS

Louisville made 33.3% of its 3-pointers, compared to FSU's 23.5% and shot twice as many free throws.

Next Game

Louisville visits Virginia Tech Tuesday (**TV:** Live on ACCN at 9 p.m.)

No. 4 Bama bounces back against No. 17 UK

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Mark Sears scored 30 points and No. 4 Alabama came from behind for a 96-83 win over No. 17 Kentucky on Saturday night.

Alabama (22-5, 11-3 Southeastern Conference), which had lost its previous two games, got 19 points from Aden Holloway, who made five 3-pointers. Chris Youngblood had 14 points and Clifford Omoruyi had 11.

Koby Brea led Kentucky (18-9, 7-7 SEC) with 20 points while Andrew Carr and Amari Williams each scored 17. Travis Perry added 12 points.

TAKEAWAYS

Alabama: Alabama now has eight wins over AP top 25 opponents, which is a single-season program record. The Crimson Tide completed a season sweep of Kentucky for the first time since 2021.

Kentucky: Prior to Saturday, Otega Oweh was the only player in the SEC to score in double-figures every game this season

and one of 10 players in Division I to do so. Oweh, who leads Kentucky with 16 points per game, was 1 of 9 shooting against Alabama and finished with two points, fouling out with about seven minutes left in the game.

KEY MOMENT

Trailing 30-18 midway through the first half, Alabama went on an 18-2 run to take a 36-32 lead and never trailed again. Alabama was 6 of 9 during the run while Kentucky was 1 of 7. Alabama closed out the final eight minutes with a 29-10 run to lead 47-40 at halftime.

KEY STAT

Kentucky started hot by hitting four of its first six 3-point shots but finished 9 of 26. Alabama was just 1 of 6 from 3-point range early, but finished 11 of 31.

UP NEXT

Kentucky is on the road to face Oklahoma on Wednesday night (**TV:** Live on SEC at 9 p.m.).

NUSSBAUM

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boys for staying mentally tough through all of that, and staying mentally tough throughout the game, and finding a way to win."

Braxton Lewis scored 23 points to lead Southwestern while Landon

Kidwell had 11. Traylor scored just seven points but all were in the final two and a half minutes when the Rebels needed them the most.

"The kid's a winner and he's just great kid. He's a great leader," Nussbaum said of Traylor. "He's the type of kid every program needs to be successful."

Tracen Roush scored 20 points and Carter

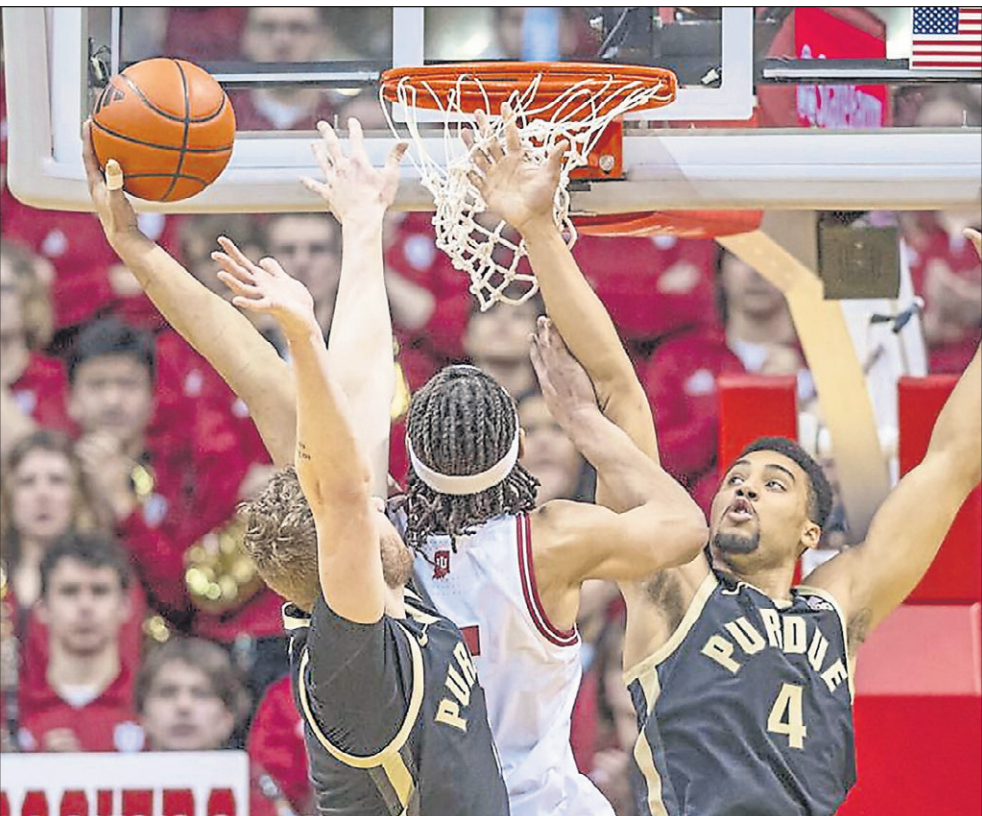
Hunley had 11 for Austin (9-13).

On Saturday, Southwestern completed a sweep of Scott County schools with a 62-51 win over Scottsburg at home. Like Friday's win over Austin, Southwestern was forced to rally late for the victory.

Landon Kidwell had 20 points, Lewis scored 12, Jeter Chatham had 10 and

Caleb Goode eight for the Rebels.

Southwestern closes out the regular season on Tuesday when the Rebels host Charleston. Southwestern will then have 10 days off before facing the Switzerland County-Austin winner in the sectional semifinals on Friday, March 7. All sectional games will be held at Southwestern.



AP Photo/Doug McSchooler
Purdue forward Trey Kaufman-Renn (4) and center Will Berg, left, defend Indiana forward Malik Reneau as he shoots during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game, on Sunday, Feb. 23 in Bloomington.

Indiana’s defense shines in 2nd half and leads Hoosiers past No. 13 Purdue 73-58

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON — Malik Reneau and Trey Galloway each scored 15 points, and Indiana allowed just 21 in the second half to overcome a 12-point halftime deficit and beat No. 13 Purdue 73-58 on Sunday.

Reneau also had six rebounds and was 7 of 7 from the field as he joined the 1,000-point club. Galloway added nine assists as the Hoosiers (16-11, 7-9 Big Ten) won for the second time in eight games and earned a split in the season series with their biggest rival.

Fletcher Loyer scored 20 points to lead the Boilermakers (19-9, 11-6), who have lost four straight.

It was quite a reversal for Indiana.

The Boilermakers appeared to take control by closing the first half on a 21-4 run to make it 37-25. But the Hoosiers opened the second half on a 14-2 spurt, tying the score at 39, and then scored 14 straight to take a 53-40 lead with 11:56 to go.

TAKEAWAYS

Purdue: This loss likely ends the quest for a third straight regular-season league title, and now coach Matt Painter must find a quick solution heading into the postseason.

Indiana: Coach Mike Woodson is on his way out, but the Hoosiers are trying to play their way into the NCAA Tournament. Their win two weeks ago at No. 11 Michigan State certainly helped and so will this one. While there’s work to do, Indiana may

have righted its season.

KEY MOMENT

Indiana took the lead for good when Anthony Leal grabbed a loose ball underneath the basket, preventing a turnover. He found Luke Goode, who made a layup and drew a foul before completing the three-point play for a 42-40 lead with 14:39 left.

KEY STAT

Purdue committed 11 of its 16 turnovers in the second half and Indiana converted those miscues into 19 points.

UP NEXT

The Boilermakers will try to rebound Friday when they host UCLA (**TV:** Live on FOX at 8 p.m.). Indiana hosts Penn State on Wednesday (**TV:** Live on BTN at 8:30 p.m.).

Morant has no comment on burglars targeting pro athletes

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Two-time NBA All-Star Ja Morant is not talking about a published report that says he is the Memphis player whose home was burglarized by the seven men from Chile charged in federal court with orchestrating break-ins at the homes of prominent athletes around the country.

The Daily Memphian reported Thursday that a senior law enforcement official familiar with the investigation confirmed Morant was “Professional Athlete 6” identified in an FBI complaint filed Jan. 30 in Tampa, Florida. A spokeswoman for the Grizzlies declined to comment when asked by The Associated Press if Morant was the player whose home was targeted.

During a pregame availability in Indianapolis, Memphis officials said Morant had no comment about the report. The Grizzlies were to play the Indiana Pacers on Thursday night in their first game since the All-Star break.

The FBI complaint doesn’t name the athletes and only lists burglaries already made public involving the Kansas City Chiefs’ Patrick Mahomes and Travis Kelce, Joe Burrow of the Cincinnati Bengals, and players for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the NBA’s Grizzlies and Milwaukee Bucks.

According to the complaint, the Grizzlies player’s home was burglarized sometime after 4 p.m. on Dec. 19, 2024. The Grizzlies beat the

Golden State Warriors 144-93 that night in Memphis. The burglars stole “jewelry, watches and luxury bags valued” at about \$1 million, according to the complaint.

A spokesman for the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office said deputies responded to a reported burglary Dec. 20 at a home in an unincorporated part of the county. Deputies declined to release the name of the player or the address during an active investigation.

Some of the men were arrested in January after a traffic stop in Ohio on

state charges for allegedly breaking into the home of Burrow, the Bengals’ quarterback. In that case, four of the men were found to be in the country illegally, according to a court affidavit filed in Clark County, Ohio. The men took photos of themselves with some of the loot. The groups often separated into smaller units to commit multiple burglaries, according to the FBI.



LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

In the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana. Pursuant to I.C. 29-1-7-7, notice is hereby given that Justin M. Sowers was on the 3rd day of February, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Anthony Sowers, deceased, who died on the 31st day of December, 2024 and authorized to administer this estate without Court supervision and without posting bond. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 3rd day of February, 2025.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana

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Haliburton’s double-double leads Pacers past Clippers

BY PHILLIP B. WILSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Tyrese Haliburton had 29 points and 12 assists for his 16th double-double of the season, Aaron Nesmith scored a season-high 19, and the Indiana Pacers defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 129-111 on Sunday.

Haliburton scored 17 points in the third quarter, when the Pacers (32-23) took a 101-83 lead. The All-Star point guard shot 9 of 14 overall with four 3-pointers.

The Pacers, who are an

NBA-best 16-5 in 2025, had seven players score in double digits. Indiana center Myles Turner returned from a three-game injury absence with 17 first-half points.

The short-handed Clippers (31-25) were without leading scorer Norman Powell (left knee soreness) and No. 3 scorer Kawhi Leonard (left foot soreness). Powell averages 24.2 points per game, and Leonard 16.9.

That meant veteran All-Star guard James Harden looked to take more shots — he went 9 of 17

with six 3s to finish with 31 points and 11 assists. Ivica Zubac added 22 points.

TAKEAWAYS

Clippers: Leonard has played in just 16 games this season, but Powell’s absence proved problematic. The lack of scoring options became increasingly evident as Los Angeles steadily fell behind.

Pacers: It’s an ideal time to make a run, with two more home games this week and Indiana riding a three-game win-

ning streak. And it helps to have Turner back after he missed three games with a cervical strain.

KEY MOMENT

Haliburton buried 3-pointers on three consecutive third-quarter possessions as the Pacers opened a 90-69 lead.

KEY STAT

Indiana made 13 of 20 shots to outscore Los Angeles 35-28 in the third quarter. The Pacers finished 46-of-84 shooting (54.8%).

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the sophomore from Independence, Kentucky, who had 22 points on 10-of-18 shooting, three assists, three blocks and three steals.

“Sammy Berman was just unbelievable off the dribble and and got us going when they were really bodying up on Grace a lot,” Jones said.

Alexis Wines, a junior from Lebanon, added 11 points and three assists for the Panthers.

Drea Satori scored 16 points, Daylyn Spalding had 15 points and seven rebounds and Lynkaylah James had 12 points and eight rebounds for Berea, which ends the season with a 14-12 record.

With the win, Hanover advances to the HCAC semifinals, which will be held at top-seeded Transylvania on Friday. The Panthers will take on No. 2 seed Mount St. Joseph

(19-7), which split with Hanover this season and finished one game ahead in the standings.

Top-seeded Transylvania, which will play Anderson (13-12) in the other semifinal, comes into the weekend with a 20-5 record and while the

Pioneers are the favorite, they are not the powerhouse they have been in recent years when Transy was virtually unbeaten while advancing to two Final Fours and winning a National Championship.

“We had our chances at their place, tied with 3:52

to go. But to get there, we’re gonna have to play a really tough Mount St. Joe opponent,” Jones said. “But there are three teams in our league that have won 19 games. So it’s top heavy, but not 31-0 top heavy. I think it’s wide open from here.”

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AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD MORTGAGE ACCEPTANCE COMPANY, LLC
PLAINTIFF
vs
JEFFREY BISSETT; CRISTIN BISSETT; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Switzerland Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 09/12/2024, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Switzerland County, in Switzerland County, Indiana, located at 405 Liberty St., Vevay, IN 47043 on March 25, 2025 at 11:00 AM Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Switzerland County, Indiana, to-wit:

A part of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 2 West located in Cotton Township of Switzerland County Indiana, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 2 West, thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 2605.39 feet to the centerline of Red Hog Pike; thence along said centerline the following two courses; South 88 degrees 33 minutes 09 seconds East 236.92 feet; South 88 degrees 28 minutes 04 seconds East 106.65 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 05 degrees 15 minutes 32 seconds East 2592.27 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 88 degrees 59 minutes 38 seconds East 641.10 feet to a corner post; thence North 01 degree 42 minutes 32 seconds East 1695.48 feet to an iron pin set; thence South 88 degrees 10 minutes 01 second West 568.0 feet to an iron pin set; thence North 05 degrees 44 minutes 59 seconds West 891.32 feet to the centerline of Red Hog Pike; thence along said centerline the following three courses; North 80 degrees 08 minutes 22 seconds West 105.64 feet to a P.K. Nail Set; North 83 degrees 39 minutes 35 seconds West 79.14 feet to a P.K. Nail set; North 88 degrees 28 minutes 04 seconds West 89.45 feet to the Point of Beginning. This tract contains 34.2822 acres.

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Commonly known as: 14564 Red Hog Pike, Rising Sun, IN 47040

State Parcel Number: 78-03-36-200-004.010-001

This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled *An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith* (see Indiana Code).

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Colts add 3 new assistant coaches to staff

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts coach Shane Steichen hired three new assistants Friday, bringing James Bettcher back to the franchise as linebackers coach, Jerome Henderson as defensive backs coach and Chris Hewitt as passing game coordinator for the secondary.

The Colts also announced that last season's coaching fellows — Isabel Diaz, Kalon Humphries and

Diego Ortiz — will return in the same capacities next season. The team still plans to announce one more coaching fellow.

Indy also promoted Leigh Hullett to director of performance nutrition.

Bettcher has been coaching for 21 seasons, including 2012 when he was a special assistant to then-Colts coach Chuck Pagano. He spent the past three seasons as the Cincinnati Bengals' line-

backers coach under new Colts defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo.

Henderson has spent two decades coaching in the NFL, including the last five seasons working with the New York Giants' secondary. He played in two Super

Bowls after New England initially selected him in the second round of the 1991 NFL draft.

Hewitt spent all 13 of his previous NFL seasons with the Baltimore Ravens, the last five as a passing game coordinator.

Diaz will continue working with Indy's special teams, Humphries will working with the Colts defense and Ortiz will continue working with the offense.

Hullett just completed her third season as the team's dietitian.

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Public Notice: Divorce Announcement
To whom this may concern, I, Vickie Roll, am publishing this notice to inform the public of my decision to divorce my husband, Wayne Roll. While personal in nature, this public notice is required by law as part of the legal process for my divorce proceedings. The reasons for this decision are deeply personal, but primarily stem from irreconcilable differences and a need for individual growth and well-being. After considerable reflection, I have chosen to move forward with my life independently. This notice serves both as a formal declaration of my intent and a fulfillment of legal requirements. I hope to find peace and clarity through this transition, and I ask for respect and understanding during this process. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Vickie Roll

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SS: 2025 TERM
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON CAUSE NUMBER: 39C01-2502-ES-000010

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUPERVISED
MARGARET ANN LAWRENCE, DECEASED
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508 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET ANN LAWRENCE, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Rodney Nay was, on the 7th day of February, 2025, appointed personal representative of the estate of Margaret Ann Lawrence, deceased, who died on the 20th day of January, 2025.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 7th day of February, 2025.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN

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Bell seizes only lead in OT for Cup win at Atlanta

BY CHARLES ODUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAMPTON, Ga. — Christopher Bell celebrated a drought-ending victory for himself and Joe Gibbs Racing after a dramatic comeback in Atlanta.

Bell edged Carson Hocevar and Kyle Larson in overtime Sunday in another close NASCAR Cup Series finish at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Bell led only the final lap in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota and had a slight edge on the outside when the caution light came on in overtime following a wreck by Josh Berry.

“That last lap of the race we were at our best,” Bell said.

It was the first victory for Joe Gibbs Racing since Bell’s win at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on June 23, 2024.

“I am glad that we don’t have to hear about that,” Bell said. “Joe Gibbs Racing hasn’t won since June.’ That’s all I’ve heard. So I’m very happy to end that narrative.”

The 30-year-old Oklahoma driver has 10 career Cup victories, and he acknowledged Atlanta wasn’t the spot his team

had circled to end the drought.

Bell’s strength in his career has not been superspeedway style racing, but he pulled off the comeback after qualifying only 32nd and struggling most of the day to look like a serious contender. Even Bell’s crew chief, Adam Stevens, wasn’t expecting the late comeback.

“I think I fell off the edge of my seat a couple of times, especially there what was it, maybe 10, 15 to go when we were up in the top three or four and then fell back outside the top 10,” Stevens said. “I thought we were toast. But Bell just kept his head down and really dug deep all day.”

Austin Cindric led in his Team Penske Ford before he and William Byron, the Daytona 500 winner last week, wrecked with three laps remaining, setting up the overtime.

Hocevar faced criticism from Ryan Blaney and other drivers after the race for his aggressive style on the track.

“Yeah, I mean, there’s some stuff I got to learn and clean up a little bit, but I feel like we put ourselves in the perfect opportuni-

ty to try and win a race,” Hocevar said after falling short in a bid for his first victory. “I’ve never had that opportunity really before, especially on a superspeedway.”

Kyle Busch finished seventh, ending his hopes of snapping a winless streak on the Cup Series. Busch won the Atlanta Truck Series race Saturday but is still looking for his first Cup win since 2023 after having his NASCAR-record 19-year streak with at least one win end last year.

Larson failed to finish the last four and five of the last six Atlanta races and was involved in accidents in each of the six.

Larson’s Hendrick Motorsports teammates claimed the spotlight in NASCAR’s first two weeks.

Chase Elliott won The Clash on Feb. 2 before Byron avoided late wrecks to win the Daytona 500.

Larson’s string of bad luck ended Sunday after he qualified only 17th. Larson, the 2021 Cup champion, surged late the win the second stage.

“Came up a little bit short, but proud of the effort today by everybody on our HendrickCars.com Chevy,” Larson said. “Yeah, finally finished at Atlanta and finally got to run up front.”

WRECKS FOR ELLIOTT, SUAREZ

Elliott was in the top 10 when his Hendricks Motorsports Chevrolet hit the wall late in the second stage and then hit Brad Keselowski’s RFK Racing’s

Ford, ending Keselowski’s race. Elliott finished 18th.

Daniel Suarez, who edged Blaney Kyle Busch in a thrilling three-wide finish in Atlanta’s 2024 February race, saw his hopes for a repeat win end when he was involved in a seven-car crash early in the third stage. Cole Custer, Ty Gibbs, Cody Ware, Noah Gragson and JJ Yaley also were involved.

Blaney was in contention before his late one-car spin caused a caution, but he rallied to finish fourth.

SHARP DRESSED MAN

Billy Gibbons, the lead guitarist and singer for the rock group ZZ Top, served as the grand marshal and gave the “start your engines” command.

New deal for Heim with 23XI

The 23XI Racing team announced a multi-year deal with Corey Heim as a development driver. Heim will drive a limited number of Cup Series races in the No. 67 Toyota and also will compete on Xfinity races, including next week at Circuit of the Americas. His first Cup race on the new deal will be at Kansas Speedway on May 11.

Heim made three Cup starts for 23XI last year and has a Truck Series win at Daytona this year. He finished 23rd in Saturday’s Truck Series race in Atlanta.

UP NEXT

The Cup Series moves to Austin, Texas and Circuit of the Americas next Sunday.

4 Nations hockey showcase shatters expectations

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
AP HOCKEY WRITER

Canada won the 4 Nations Face-Off by beating the United States for the championship in an overtime thriller capped off by Connor McDavid’s memorable goal that will be on highlight reels for decades to come.

In the grand scheme of things, the NHL, its players and the sport of hockey all came out as winners.

The 4 Nations was a one-off tournament with no past and no future, a trimmed-down version of a World Cup of Hockey staged because the best players in the world waited so long for something of its kind. With tens of millions watching across North America it exceeded all expectations, with play on the ice better resembling a Stanley Cup Final or the Olympics than the All-Star Weekend festivities it replaced.

“It was much more popular than even we would have imagined — it was getting so much attention from our whole continent,” 4 Nations MVP Nathan MacKinnon said. “The 4 Nations caught on fire. I’m sure everyone didn’t really know what to expect. Obviously questions about it being an All-Star Game, things like that. Obviously people didn’t really know the players’ mindsets coming in, and rightfully so. You never really know. But guys took this very seriously when you represent your country.”

Given that a generation of players from McDavid and MacKinnon to Americans Auston Matthews and Jack Eichel never got a chance to represent their countries in so-called best-on-best play as professionals, it was clear in their minds they were taking it seriously. For many fans, it took seeing the opening game — Sidney Crosby’s no-look pass to MacKinnon for a goal 56 seconds in and the frantic pace at which Canada and Sweden were skating up and down the rink — to believe this was going to be worth watching.

Then people watched. ESPN said the game had 9.3 million viewers in the U.S. — higher than any NHL game on its networks and the second-most watched over the past decade. Sportsnet

reported 10.7 million people across Canada watched Thursday night — over a quarter of the country’s population — after the six round-robin games averaged 4.6 million viewers in North America and 10.1 million tuned in to the first U.S.-Canada game.

In a series of social media posts, former NFL player J.J. Watt raved, “It’s just incredible how much of a home run 4 Nations has been for the NHL and hockey in general” and said friends who had never watched the sport before were reaching out asking about plans to watch and what to eat during it.

“Definition of growing the game,” Watt said. “Much, much respect for how much effort, energy and passion (players) poured into this tournament. That’s what’s made it so special. The best in the world going all-out for pure pride.”

The next chance they will get is a year away at the 2026 Olympics in Milan, the return of the players to that stage after the NHL skipped in 2018 and pulled out at the eleventh hour in 2022 because of pandemic-related scheduling problems.

Commissioner Gary Bettman billed the 4 Nations featuring the U.S., Canada, Sweden and Finland as an appetizer for Milan. The level of play — and the result — set the stage perfectly for the Americans to again challenge Canadian hockey superiority, with the Swedes, Finns, Czechs, Slovaks, Germans and maybe even the Russians also in the mix for Olympic gold.

“I’ll always remember this feeling when it’s next year,” U.S. winger Brady Tkachuk said after losing 3-2 in the final. “Everything happens for a reason and I think this year, this moment can really motivate us going into next year.”

For now, Canada remains unbeaten over the past 15 years in tournaments with the NHL’s top talent involved, extending its winning streak to four, with a title at the 2016 World Cup of Hockey and gold medals at the 2014 and 2010 Olympics before this.

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				4		1	6		
4				6		8			7
			9	7		5			
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2				4					1
3						5			

SUDOKU

How to play:
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

			2				6	1
		2		1				7
		1	3					
				5		7		6
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4		6		7				
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8				3	7	1		
2	6				1			

SUDOKU

How to play:
Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

HOROSCOPE

FEB. 25

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Consider lavishing your partner with the promises and commitments they may long to hear. Whether reconnecting with an old flame or sparking something new, there could be potential for deep connection. Tonight, you might spark romantic bliss.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Have some faith and hope that things may improve. Your friends and loved ones could be there for you in times of need, yet you're not alone even when you are by yourself. Consider listening to someone's suggestions regarding a possible investment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your two cents might be invaluable in an upcoming situation. Don't just watch from the sidelines; get involved, volunteer, or raise your hand. Sharing your ideas could be rewarding, especially if shared with people who enjoy similar interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) No person is an island. Even if you're comfortable being independent of others, it could be helpful to build bridges to connect you with a variety of people. You may appreciate the newfound perspective you might get farther down the line.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Making money may be on your mind, but your love magnet could be supercharged, drawing someone near. A season for love might be coming your way. Consider clearing your schedule to partake in a bit of fun and pleasure with someone special.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Looking for distant horizons could bring clarity. You may understand the situation better than most and can easily see what will happen ten steps ahead. Clear up any misconceptions about neglecting your loved ones and spend quality time tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) True friends should stick close through thick and thin. You might disagree with someone, but loyalty could mean standing by someone when they need your help. Consider preparing for special yet surprising moments tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Love and affection may hold a significant importance in your life. You could be eager to catch the eye of someone special, and your efforts may likely be well-received by those you're interested in. Enjoy social events with friends and acquaintances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may be the prized cookie in someone's cookie jar. Someone might see you as even more wonderful than you believe yourself to be. There could be an opportunity to make heartfelt appeals to loved ones or presentations to an audience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may boost your image by taking center stage. Show the world who you truly are by demonstrating your skills and foresight when given the chance. Keep your professional standards high and handle social events with intention and grace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Add that missed kiss back to your list. Despite a packed schedule, consider making time to connect with your special someone. Being unwilling to admit there could be parts you can't handle may cause you to miss out on something great.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You don't need to be harsh to be effective. In fact, kindness may smooth the path to reach your objectives much faster. Today, you might feel inspired to achieve something grander or to do a superlative job that receives notice from decision makers.

Sudoku solution

6	4	9	2	9	1	8	4	8
1	9	8	4	7	8	5	6	2
8	2	4	8	5	6	9	1	7
4	8	2	5	6	7	6	9	1
7	1	6	8	2	9	8	5	4
5	9	1	6	4	7	2	7	8
8	6	1	4	8	5	7	2	9
9	4	8	6	7	2	1	8	5
2	7	5	9	1	8	4	8	6

Jumble solution

GRIEF COVER MOMENT CASINO
The package thief didn't notice the front-door camera recording the — SEEN OF THE CHIME

Sleuth solution

A	S	B	O	M	K	C	O	9
I	T	N	N	B	M	O	4	4
D	A	S	O	O	O	O	1	4
B	A	N	A	N	A	N	4	4
8	O	E	B	O	E	B	4	4
4	O	E	B	O	E	B	4	4
4	O	E	B	O	E	B	4	4
4	O	E	B	O	E	B	4	4
4	O	E	B	O	E	B	4	4

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FIRGE

VOTEC

NMMTEO

SCAION

“ ”

THE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Isn't that the kid from down the street?

I'll get this video to the police.

THE PACKAGE THIEF DIDN'T NOTICE THE FRONT-DOOR CAMERA RECORDING THE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WORD SLEUTH

NATURE INSPIRED BABY NAMES

G A X U R O L J G D A X T V S

P N K I F C A X V K S Q S O L

J H E H C A X V T R O P E N L

J H F D T R M B Y X V O R T R

P O M K R N E O I G E L R D B

Z X W E M E A P S U I E O B T

R Q V U L I D R I S T O F D N

L I T P C J O L A N O Y N A C

R U P A I C W B I M U L G I F

A A C D K C A W Y W A J B S X

W A V Y T S R P O N L K J Y I

Monday's unlisted clue: DOW

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Today's unlisted clue hint: — GUMP

Acacia	Basil	Daisy	Rocky
Amaranth	Blossom	Juniper	Wilder
Apple	Brook	Meadow	Winter
Autumn	Canyon	River	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Cleaning cloths

5 Enthusiastic

9 Texting format, for short

12 Applaud

13 Foolproof

14 Gratitude

15 Pastry made with Honey-crisps

17 Enzyme suffix

18 "Hulk" star Bana

19 Toss

21 Oasis drink

24 Stylish

25 "Manhattan Beach" author Jennifer

26 Stepped on, as a grape

30 "A snake!"

31 Bashes

32 "I love," to Livy

33 Unequaled

35 Hosp. scans

DOWN

1 Sony rival

2 Jungfrau, for one

3 Hiatus

4 Ill will

5 Spumante source

6 Avocado dip, for short

7 Bobby of hockey

8 "Listen ..." scribed

9 Map of the night sky

10 Japanese soup

11 Gush

16 Mess up

20 "— Way" (Sinatra biograpy)

21 Sob

22 Writer James

23 "Be brave!"

24 Pool sticks

26 Feeder filler

27 Gal.

28 Send forth

29 Pre-scribed

31 Sleazy hotel

34 Filch

35 Hit series starring Jon Hamm

37 French article

38 Dazzle

39 Scouting outing

40 Coconut fiber

41 Fine

44 Mouths (Lat.)

45 Santa — winds

46 Tease

47 QB stats

Solution time: 22 mins.

Today's solution

HOROSCOPE

FEB. 26

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's a reason you're not supposed to food shop while hungry. Be careful to avoid impulsive acts when you don't have a full understanding of the situation and potential consequences. Intentional planning could give you a sense of calm and better results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your friends may bring a great deal of joy. You might also find pleasure in slipping away to whisper sweet nothings to your beloved. Love has a timeless, boundless intuitive quality that could mend past rifts and revive dormant emotions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may find new ways to monetize your enthusiasm by looking beyond the obvious revenue streams. Study the successful people around you for inspiration. It could be time to reinvent yourself because you aren't confined to one version.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might be under-utilizing your ability to pull information from multiple sources; the various pieces could reinforce and support each other. Put your invisible puzzle together to build lasting understanding from everything you see.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Turn your attention toward the people who've always supported you through thick and thin. Consider finding new ways to let them know how important they are and how much you value their contributions. Everyone wants to feel loved and needed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) When you are presented with multiple attractive choices, you could have the proper perspective to choose the option that's best for you. Don't doubt your inner instincts. Get quiet and listen to your intuition for the answer you know you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You need to see beyond what other people consider possible to create a better future for yourself and your loved ones. Don't be discouraged if people are telling you things are impossible. Your long-term goals and plans may be beyond comprehension.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Make the most of your current resources until an upgrade presents itself. Don't worry about minor issues as they could soon be resolved. Staying attuned to the desires of your significant other might lead you to find some extra motivation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Revel in contentment within the sanctuary of your own space. Consider transforming your environment into a cozy haven, perfect for intimate moments with a lover, relaxed gatherings with friends, or merely a more productive work area.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Standing firm in your principles might lead to being proven right. Those who've wronged you could look to mend ties. Consider being gracious about forgiveness tonight and look for ways to resolve disputes by showing compassion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your focus may be shifting around a special interest, you may allow your concentration to let in distractions, allowing your subconscious work along without supervision. Even watching a movie could let you find a better answer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Make every minute count. Even with a strong work ethic and moral compass, you may still find pleasure in embracing a playful side. Show your new romantic interest or a devoted permanent partner that you're eager to enjoy the fun times ahead.

Sudoku solution

8	7	8	1	6	5	4	7	9	2
4	2	1	7	3	9	5	6	8	
6	9	8	2	4	1	8	7		
2	1	8	6	7	9	5	4		
8	4	5	2	9	8	6	7	1	
9	6	7	4	5	1	8	2	3	
5	8	2	9	4	7	8	1	6	
7	8	4	5	1	6	2	8	9	
1	9	6	8	2	7	4	5		

Jumble solution

CHILD OMEGA SEPTIC EMBARK
After finally being able to open the walnut, the squirrel — CRACKED A SMILE

Sleuth solution

S	M	O	R	D	S	R	U
B	A	T	M	A	T		
S	K	C	O	R			
P	P						
S	T	E	F	E	R		
H	A	V	A				
S	O						
E	R	A	M				
S	O						
D							

JUMBLE

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LDHIC

GMEAO

PSECIT

RABEKM

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I knew you could do it!

Finally! I'm so happy!

AFTER FINALLY BEING ABLE TO OPEN THE WALNUT, THE SQUIRREL ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WORD SLEUTH

THINGS WE TRIP ON

D W T Q N C K I F D C Z W U S

R P M J H S U E C O Z X U S E

Q N L J G E E R E O S C T Z C

X V T R T S E L B R A M R P A

N L J H E O C A I S Y W E V L

T R P N L H Y A K T I G E E E

C B Z X W U T S T E E F R U O

S R P O M S L P J P I S O G H

E D B A G Y X M W S K C O R S

U T S U Q P B B A T H M A T O O

N L R K J S D R O W H G S F L

Tuesday's unlisted clue: FORREST

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: FOOTWEAR FASTENER

Bathmat	Loose tiles	Ramps	Toys
Curbs	Marbles	Rocks	Tree roots
Doorstep	Our feet	Rugs	Words
Hoses	Pets	Stairs	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Chum

4 "Zounds!"

8 Nile queen, familiarly

12 Yucatan "Bravo!"

13 Zilch

14 "Amen!"

15 Prefix with natal

16 Chinese philosopher

18 Streisand title role

20 NBC show since 1975

21 En-grossed

24 Triangular letter

28 Pompeii volcano

32 Gumbo or bisque, e.g.

33 German pronoun

34 Continental cash

36 Hwy.

37 Go sight-seeing

39 "Finlandia" composer Jean

41 — house (free)

DOWN

3 iPod type

44 "— had it!"

46 Sound system name

50 Railroad magnate

55 Leg, in slang

56 Regard-ing

57 Small-scale

58 Telly network

59 Smooch

60 "The Da Vinci Code" priory

61 Bubble —

Solution time: 23 mins.

Today's solution

1	2	3		4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11
12				13					14			
15				16				17				
18			19				20					
			21		22	23		24		25	26	27
28	29	30					31		32			
33				34				35		36		
37			38		39				40			
41				42		43						
			44		45			46		47	48	49
50	51	52				53	54			55		
56					57					58		
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NFL scouting combine has plenty of debate over top players

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The hopes of many NFL teams will start taking shape this week as the league's annual scouting combine begins in Indianapolis.

As usual, there will be plenty to debate.

There doesn't appear to be a clear-cut No. 1 overall pick or a top quarterback yet. Scouts are still trying to determine whether Heisman Trophy winner Travis Hunter would be more productive as a shut-down cornerback, a play-making receiver or both.

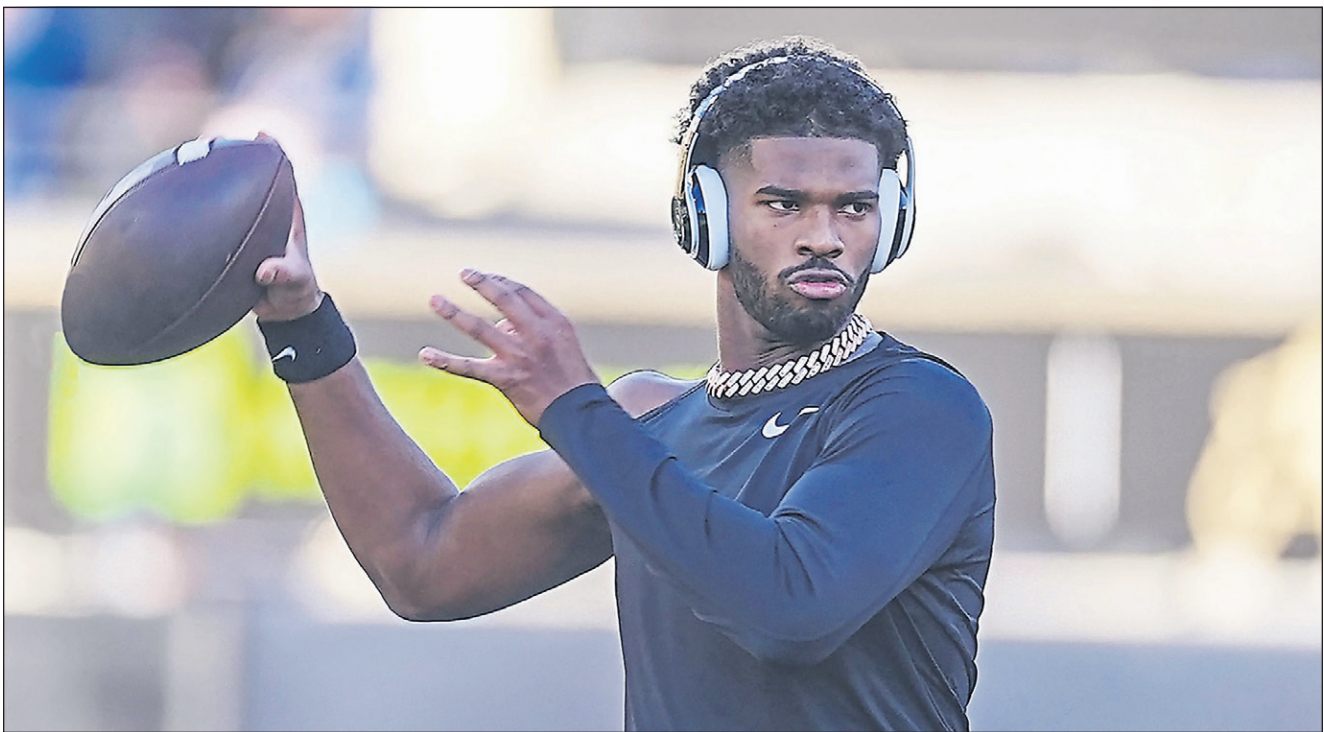
But the combine gives each team more insight into how the 329 prospects will be evaluated heading into the draft that will be held from April 24-26 in Green Bay.

Here's a look at what could lead the discussions between players arriving in town Tuesday and the conclusion of workouts Monday.

Travis Hunter, CB/WR, Colorado

Hunter could be the most intriguing draft prospect in combine history because of his versatility. Some consider him both the draft's best cornerback and best receiver.

While he's scheduled to work out Friday with defensive backs, organizers invited him to spend an extra night and work out Saturday with the receiv-



Colorado quarterback Shedeur Sanders (2) warms up before an NCAA college football game, Nov. 29, 2024, in Boulder, Colo.

ers, making him the first true two-way player in combine history.

Could he follow the lead of other top prospects and skip the on-field drills? Sure. Or he might choose to create the biggest buzz of the week by working out at both spots. The first indication could come Thursday when he's expected to meet with reporters.

Cam Ward, QB, Miami and Shedeur Sanders, QB, Colorado

The two former Pac-12 rivals will share the big stage again this week — even if neither actually

participates in Saturday's on-field drills as they try to be the first quarterback selected in April.

They took very different journeys to Indy.

Ward had one scholarship offer coming out of high school and parlayed a successful career at FCS school Incarnate Word into a starting job at Washington State. He even declared for last year's draft before re-entering the transfer portal and landing at Miami, where his decision paid off handsomely.

Ward broke the NCAA's

career record with 158 TD passes split between his FCS and FBS stints, led Miami to the cusp of a playoff berth and wound up a Heisman finalist.

Sanders, the son of Hall of Fame cornerback Deion Sanders seemed primed to be in this mix for years. He's accurate, mobile, possesses a strong arm and is outgoing.

He's also outspoken though scouts may have bigger concerns about the influence Sanders' father could play in his pro career, and he's not expected to work out until Colorado's

pro day next month.

Jalon Walker, LB/Edge, Georgia

The former Georgia star could be the top edge rusher in this year's draft class, perhaps supplanting Penn State rusher Abdul Carter, should everything fall into place.

First, though, Walker must answer questions about where he fits best into an NFL defense.

His productivity and overall skills are unquestioned. But in college, he was listed at 6-foot-2, 245 pounds, making some wonder whether he's a better

pass rusher or a better traditional linebacker. This week's numbers could help settle a debate that could linger into draft day.

Ashton Jeanty, RB, Boise State

Jeanty looks like a virtual lock to be the top running back chosen after producing the second-highest single-season rushing total in FBS history. He has the combination of power and break-away speed teams typically covet.

The question is how high will he go?

Many teams have opted to wait for running backs to slide, and they undervalued the position in free agency, too. But last year's big free agent acquisitions — Saquon Barkley, Derrick Henry and Josh Jacobs — all had big seasons and it could change this year's decisions.

Will Johnson, CB, Michigan

Johnson didn't have the final college season he envisioned after winning a national championship primarily because a bruised shoulder and a turf toe limited him to eight games.

When healthy, Johnson is among the best at his position.

Teams will likely spend extra time making sure he's ready to start on time. If so, Johnson should be a top-15 pick and could move into the top 10 with a good time in the 40.

HOCKEY

FROM PAGE B6

Crosby has been a part of all of this, plus an unbeaten run at the 2015 world champion-

ships, and played through injury at the 4 Nations because of how special the occasion was.

"Every opportunity you get to wear the Canadian jersey and compete in this event, it's something new, but I think you saw

the hockey that was on display," Crosby said. "It was pretty incredible. Happy for this group. We came together in a short period of time and found a way to get it done."

In the leadup to the final, Canada coach Jon

Cooper said anyone expecting it to be more like an All-Star Game "was sorely, sorely mistaken." It was, in fact, a collection of All-Stars, but the final product was anything but.

Even before Canada's

players and coaches got their gold medals and trophy, it was clear the event put together over the past year-plus attracted new fans to the NHL and the sport of hockey better than anyone could have anticipated.

"I hope they love it," McDavid said. "It's a great game, it's a great sport and I hope we put on a good show these last couple days and gained some fans, ultimately. You can't ask for a better show than that."

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